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FHB(FE)279	3415	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
FHB(FE)280	4193	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
FHB(FE)281	4194	WONG Kwok-hing	49	N/A
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)001

(Question Serial No. 2363)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In this regard, would the Bureau provide in the table below details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Food and Health and the Under Secretary for Food and Health in the past 3 years (2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), including the date of visit, place of visit, size of entourage, purpose of visit, expenses on hotel accommodation, air tickets and meals and total expenditure for each visit? Please provide the amounts and the names of the sponsors of the sponsorships received (if any) of each visit.

Date of visit	Place of visit	Size of entourage	Purpose of visit	Hotel accommodation expenses	Air ticket expenses	Meal expenses	Total expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

Details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Food and Health and the Under Secretary for Food and Health in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as follows -

Period (No. of visits)	Purpose and Place of visit	Number of entourage members	Hotel expenses^ (\$'000) (a)	Air tickets expenses (\$'000) (b)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000) (c)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)+(c)
2012-13 (13)	To attend international conferences, working	1 to 8	72	189	57	318

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	meetings, goodwill visits and ceremonies in the Mainland (Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Nanjing and Shenzhen), Macau*, Malaysia*, Vietnam, France, Switzerland and United Kingdom.					
2013-14 (12)	To attend international conferences, working meetings, goodwill visits and ceremonies in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Wuhan), Macau*, Japan, Singapore*, Germany, Switzerland and United Kingdom.	1 to 5	19	150	44	213
2014-15 (14)	To attend international conferences, working meetings, goodwill visits and ceremonies in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen), Macau, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore* Switzerland and United Kingdom.	1 to 6	14	201	69	284

[^] Excluding the expenses on hotel accommodation where the Secretary / Under Secretary received the normal rate of subsistence allowance, the amount of which has been included under the column of “Subsistence allowance and other expenses”.

* The receiving party provided free ground transportation between airport and hotel and/or in-town transportation to and from event venues.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)002

(Question Serial No. 2986)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- a. Please provide details of the public policy studies and strategic public policy studies commissioned with funds allocated from 2011-12 to 2014-15.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- b. Regarding the consultancy studies commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the departments under its purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, are there any such projects for which funds have been reserved in 2015-16? If yes, what are the details?

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The information requested is provided at the Annex.

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(a) Studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated from 2011-12 to 2014-15

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Consumer Search	By invitation of quotations	<p>Survey for Assessment on Impact of the Nutrition Labelling Scheme on new-to-market Prepackaged Food Products in the Food Expo 2011</p> <p>The objective of the Survey is to assess the impact brought by the Nutrition Labelling Scheme on new-to-market prepackaged food products introduced via the Food Expo.</p>	0.148	Aug. 2011	Completed in May 2012	Results of the survey were reported to LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 8 May 2012.	The Executive Summary was uploaded to the Centre for Food Safety website in May 2012.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	<p>Service for studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning</p> <p>The study includes population estimation and basic ecology surveys of feral cattle and buffalo in Hong Kong in order to provide the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department with a better mapping of their population density and understanding of their habitat and ecology for more effective management of</p>	0.660	Sept. 2011	Completed in November 2012	Studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning	Report summary was sent to interested non-governmental organisations. Population data on cattle/ buffalo would be released upon request (e.g. media enquiry).

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		stray cattle and buffalo.					
Consumer Search	By invitation of quotations	<p>Post-campaign Survey on Public Knowledge, Attitude and Practice regarding Nutrition Labelling</p> <p>The objective of the Survey is to gauge opinion and assess the knowledge, attitude and practice of the general public regarding nutrition labelling.</p>	0.678	Feb. 2012	Completed in October 2013	The Administration has made reference to the consultant's recommendation in formulating public educational activities.	The summary of survey has been posted to the website of Centre for Food Safety.
ICF Consulting Services Hong Kong Limited (formerly called GHK (Hong Kong) Limited)	By invitation of quotations	Study on the roles and functions of wholesale markets in Hong Kong as well as the location of five wholesale markets from the perspective of land use and food safety	1.288	Feb. 2012	Completed in December 2014	The Government is studying the recommendations.	The Administration plans to brief the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council on the outcome of the study in July 2015.
Deloitte	By invitation of quotations	Business Impact Assessment on "Proposed New Measures for Compliance with Fire Safety Requirements by Licensed Food Premises"	0.890 (Fire Services Department shares half of the cost, i.e. \$0.445 million)	Aug. 2012	Completed in June 2013	Taking into account the outcome of the study, the relevant new measures have been implemented since 30 June 2014.	<p>Three briefing sessions for licensees and two consultation forums for trade associations were held in 2012.</p> <p>The Food Business and Related Services Task Force was briefed on the progress of implementing the new measures on 20 June 2013.</p> <p>The outcome of the study was reported to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and</p>

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
							Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council on 9 July 2013 and 10 December 2013. Three briefing sessions were conducted in April 2014 for the business stakeholders concerned to facilitate their understanding of the new measures and the implementation arrangements. Information paper on the guidelines for the implementation of the new measures was presented to the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014. The Business Facilitation Advisory Committee was further briefed on the implementation arrangement on 23 July 2014.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Service for studying cattle movement corridors and range, which provides information for fine-tuning the relocation attempts, and explores feasibility of measures (such as cattle grids or fencing) to restrict cattle movement	0.330	Nov. 2012	Completed in March 2014	Findings of the survey had been taken into account for long term strategic planning and fine-tuning the implementation of cattle desexing and relocation operations	The study mainly contains technical information for use for internal planning. Relevant findings would be released to interested parties as appropriate.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory Services Limited	By invitation of quotations	Business Impact Assessment (BIA) on the licensing scheme for private columbaria	1.430	Jan. 2013	Completed in November 2013	Taking into account the observations and recommendations in the report, the Private Columbaria Bill was introduced into LegCo in June 2014.	<p>The findings of the BIA Study were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 19 November 2013.</p> <p>The initial recommendations of the BIA Study were reported to the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee on 28 November 2013.</p> <p>The Executive Summary of the report was uploaded to FHB's website in July 2014, and provided to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene vide our update in August 2014.</p> <p>The Private Columbaria Bill was announced on 18 June 2014 and introduced into LegCo on 25 June 2014.</p>
Policy 21 Limited	By invitation of quotations	<p>Market Survey on the Supply and Price of Live Cattle and Fresh Beef in the Mainland and Hong Kong.</p> <p>The market survey collected information on the prices, quality and costs of fresh beef in Hong Kong and the nearby</p>	0.250	Feb. 2013	Completed in April 2013	Results of the market survey were reported to LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 28 May 2013.	The main findings of the market survey were set out in the paper submitted to LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 28 May 2013.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		Mainland cities, thereby providing empirical data for informed comparisons as well as an objective basis for the Government to analyse issues related to the market and consider the way forward.					
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Service of conducting survey to provide cumulative data on cattle population and distribution to facilitate more effective management of stray cattle and buffalo	0.380	April 2013	Completed in October 2013	The Government is studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning	Findings have been sent to interested parties and they will be made available upon request.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Consultancy Study on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 Months The Study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the improvement measures on the powdered formula supply chain proposed by the trade in a non-regulated environment, and to provide advice on how the improvement measures could be enhanced or refined.	0.816	June 2013	Completed in December 2013	Having considered the results of the stress test (see item below) on the powdered formula supply chain, the Consultant's assessment and the views of the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula, the Government considers it premature to repeal the legal provisions regulating the export of powdered formula at this stage. The Government has urged the trade to actively follow up on the recommendations on improving the supply chain proposed by the Consultant.	The outcome of the Study was reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Stress Test Service on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 months The key objective of the service is to assist the Government in planning and conducting the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain during the National Day Golden Week in 2013 as well as the days immediately before and after it.	1.560 (including \$1.159 million and \$0.401 million under the respective contracts awarded in August and September 2013)	Aug. and Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	The findings were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Service for Conducting Warehouse Inventory Monitoring in the Stress Test on Powdered Formula Supply Chain Improvements The key objective of the service is to conduct qualitative assessment of warehouse inventory management during the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain.	0.515	Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	ditto

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for Conducting Surveys of the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level in the run up to the 2014 Lunar New Year.	0.245	Dec. 2013	Completed in February 2014	The results were submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the first and second surveys were published through a press release on 23 January 2014.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of proposals	Study on ways to improve the operating environment of public markets	1.997	Dec. 2013	Completed in January 2015	The Government is studying the recommendations in detail.	The outcome of the study was reported to the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 20 January 2015.
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015	2.335 (Including \$1.825 million for basic service and \$0.510 million for optional service)	April 2014	In progress (Study extended to July 2015 as optional service under the consultancy)	The results of surveys up to February 2015 have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the surveys up to February 2015 were published through press releases and were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014 and 9 December 2014.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ quotation/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/ in progress/ completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		before the Lunar New Year.					
Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula, from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015 before the Lunar New Year	0.448	May 2014	Completed in March 2015	The results have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the first survey were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 9 December 2014.
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the effectiveness of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) trial scheme for stray dogs in reducing stray dog population within designated trial zones and the nuisance associated with stray dogs. The project includes an initial population estimation and basic ecology surveys of stray dogs in selected TNR trial zones, as well as data analysis and periodic reports on the change of number, distribution and ecology of stray dogs in the trial zones for a period of three years.	0.920	Nov. 2014	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.

(b) Projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy study in 2015-16

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/quotation/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of study (under planning/in progress/completed (completion month and year))	The Administration's follow-ups to the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the ecology, reproductive rates and population change of stray dogs in two different geographical areas (semi-closed area and open area) for comparison with the data collected for the TNR trial scheme for stray dogs.	0.600	Second Quarter of 2015	Under planning	The study is yet to commence.	The study is yet to commence.
To be selected	By invitation of proposals	Study on the Way Forward of Live Poultry Trade in Hong Kong	To be confirmed	Second Quarter of 2015	Under planning	The study is yet to commence	The study is yet to commence
To be selected	By invitation of proposals	Second Food Consumption Survey The objective of the survey is to obtain up-to-date food consumption information (e.g. the types and amounts of food consumed) among individuals in Hong Kong	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Under planning	The study is yet to commence.	The study is yet to commence.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)003

(Question Serial No. 0021)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards the public consultation on regulation of safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in 2015-16, please provide the details, including the specific plan, timetable, the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

As a result of the Taiwan substandard lard incident in September 2014, the public expressed deep concern about the safety of edible oil. To address the public concern, the Food and Health Bureau and the Environment Bureau have decided to step up regulation of the safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in Hong Kong to safeguard food safety and Hong Kong's reputation. A legislative framework is being formulated. The Government intends to launch a public consultation on the legislative proposals in the first half of 2015. The additional work related to the public consultation will be absorbed within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)004

(Question Serial No. 0022)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards the public consultation on regulation of cooked meat in 2015-16, please provide the details, including the specific plan, timetable, the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The Government plans to conduct a public consultation on the regulation of cooked meat in 2015-16. In this connection, the Government will conduct a risk assessment on the safety of cooked meat, review current regulation in Hong Kong and make reference to regulatory practices outside Hong Kong before coming up with a proposed regulatory proposal. We will absorb the required manpower and expenditure from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)005

(Question Serial No. 2051)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Bureau mentions the work of “undertaking a study on the future of the live poultry trade”. What is the direction of the study by the Bureau? Will it be a total ban on the live poultry trade, or the self supply of poultry by local farms, or the implementation of central slaughtering in Hong Kong? Will the study be carried out by government departments, or will it be commissioned to commercial organisations? What are the estimated expenditures involved in the study?

Asked by: Hon FANG Kang, Vincent (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

Contact with infected live poultry is the main source of risk insofar as human infection by avian influenza (AI) is concerned. Over the past decade or so, the Government and the local live poultry industry, as well as the Mainland inspection and quarantine authorities and the farms supplying Hong Kong, have collaboratively built up a resilient and stringent system for the surveillance and control of AI, for the purpose of reducing the AI risks in Hong Kong.

However, no surveillance system can attain zero risk. As long as we continue the current practice of supplying live poultry, the public health threat persists. It is for consideration whether Hong Kong, being a place with scarce land resources and so densely populated, should continue with a practice that enables close contact between humans and live poultry.

The Government is commissioning a consultant to study the future of the live poultry trade including whether the sale of live poultry should continue in Hong Kong. The Government does not have a pre-conceived policy position on this. The Consultant will be invited to evaluate all possible policy options and provide recommendations on the way

forward that would serve the best interest of Hong Kong and give due regard to the AI risks concerned.

Existing manpower will be deployed to handle the work related to the consultancy study. Estimation on the consultancy fee is not available at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)006

(Question Serial No. 0777)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list out the estimated emoluments for the Secretary, the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant in 2014-15 respectively.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yan, Albert (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The expenditures on salaries in respect of the Secretary for Food and Health, Under Secretary for Food and Health and Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health in 2014-15 are \$3.42 million, \$2.22 million and \$1.20 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)007

(Question Serial No. 1600)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards the follow-up on the public consultation on regulation of nutrition claims and health claims for formula products and prepackaged food for infants and young children under the age of 36 months, please provide the relevant details, including the specific work, timetable, and the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

The Government launched a public consultation on “Proposed Regulatory Framework on Nutrition and Health Claims on Infant Formula, Follow-up Formula, and Prepackaged Foods for Infants and Young Children under the Age of 36 Months in Hong Kong” on 6 January 2015, proposing a regulatory framework to enhance the regulation of nutrition and health claims on formula products and prepackaged foods for infants and young children through legislation, with a view to better protecting the health of infants and young children under the age of 36 months. The consultation period will last for more than three months until 17 April 2015. Upon completion of the public consultation, we will study the views received and come up with a regulatory proposal in 2015. The manpower and expenditure required for conducting the public consultation and preparing the regulatory proposal will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)008

(Question Serial No. 2218)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Political Assistant in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries in respect of the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health is \$1.20 million in 2014-15 and is estimated at \$1.25 million in 2015-16. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2014-15 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)009

(Question Serial No. 2225)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Secretary in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries in respect of the Secretary for Food and Health is \$3.42 million in 2014-15 and is estimated at \$3.58 million in 2015-16. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2014-15 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)010

(Question Serial No. 2226)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please give a breakdown of the actual expenditure on salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2014-15, as well as the estimate for salaries, regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowance payable to the Under Secretary in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The expenditure on salaries in respect of the Under Secretary for Food and Health is \$2.22 million in 2014-15 and is estimated at \$2.33 million in 2015-16. We have not incurred any expenditure on regularly-paid allowances, job-related allowances and non-accountable entertainment allowances for the above official in 2014-15 and no provisions for such have been reserved in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)011

(Question Serial No. 2794)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government will continue to implement measures to increase the supply of public columbarium and crematorium facilities. In the past five years, what was the Government expenditure on increasing the supply of public columbarium, and how many additional niches were provided in each of the 18 districts in the territory each year? Please provide details on the estimated increase in expenditure in the coming year, the expenditure involved, the manpower arrangement, and the estimated increase in the number of niches in each of the 18 districts in the territory.

Asked by: Hon LAM Tai-fai (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

Details of public columbarium facilities completed from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are as follows—

District	Columbarium	Year of Completion	Number of Niches	Actual/Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Wong Tai Sin	Diamond Hill Columbarium	2012-13	1 540	0.51
North	Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium Phase V	2012-13	43 710	629.50
Islands	Cheung Chau Cemetery	2013-14	1 000	2.70

As regards new projects in the pipeline, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has already consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils on the construction of 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road in Kwai Tsing, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery in North District, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan in Eastern District and 44 000 niches (Phase I) at Wo Hop Shek in North District. The next step is to proceed with the conceptual / detailed design, as applicable, of the relevant projects, e.g. for site formation and associated infrastructural works for the Sandy Ridge Cemetery project and for the columbaria at Chai Wan and Wo Hop Shek project (Phase 1). In addition, the Department has obtained the green light from the Tuen Mun District Council for us to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui and we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the detailed design approved by the District Council. Subject to the approval of the FC, construction works for the Tsang Tsui columbarium are scheduled to start in 2016 for completion in 2018. As regards the other sites identified for columbarium development, the Department has largely completed the necessary Engineering Feasibility Studies and Traffic Impact Assessments and will consult the relevant District Councils before columbarium development is taken forward.

The estimated cost for developing the new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details. For the Tsang Tsui project for which the detailed design has been approved by the relevant District Council, we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the approved design. The estimated expenditure for developing new columbarium facilities is hence not available at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)012

(Question Serial No. 1996)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the expansion of the current Food Safety Laboratory in Pok Fu Lam to make it a permanent set-up, please advise on the progress and details of the work concerned, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

The Government Laboratory (GL) is currently in shortage of laboratory area. There is therefore a need for GL to expand its Food Safety Laboratory (FSL) in Pokfulam so that more space will be available for development of new testing methods and provision of additional analytical services to safeguard food safety.

The project is now at the design stage and hence the cost is not yet available. The manpower required and expenditure incurred by the Food and Health Bureau in preparing the project are absorbed from within existing resources.

The Government aims at conducting district consultation upon completion of the design. Upon completion of local consultation, we plan to consult the relevant Panel of the Legislative Council on the proposal and then seek funding approval from the Finance Committee.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)013

(Question Serial No. 1997)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the public consultation on regulation of safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil, please advise on the progress and details of the work concerned, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

As a result of the Taiwan substandard lard incident in September 2014, the public expressed deep concern about the safety of edible oil. To address the public concern, the Food and Health Bureau and the Environment Bureau have decided to step up regulation of the safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in Hong Kong to safeguard food safety and Hong Kong's reputation. The two bureaux are working out the details of a regulatory proposal. The Government intends to launch a public consultation on the proposal in the first half of 2015.

The additional work related to formulation of the regulatory proposal and preparation of the public consultation document will be absorbed within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)014

(Question Serial No. 1998)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the public consultation on regulation of cooked meat, please advise on the progress and details of the work concerned, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The Government plans to conduct a public consultation on the regulation of cooked meat in 2015-16. In this connection, the Government will conduct a risk assessment on the safety of cooked meat, review current regulation in Hong Kong and make reference to regulatory practices outside Hong Kong before coming up with a proposed regulatory proposal. We will absorb the required manpower and expenditure from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)015

(Question Serial No. 0878)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in programme (2) that the Government will conduct public consultation on regulation of safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in the coming year. In this connection, please advise on the following:

1. The Government has indicated earlier that the public would be consulted on the above regulation in early 2015. Is there an exact date for launching the consultation exercise? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons for the delay in fixing a date?
2. What are the manpower and resources involved in launching the above consultation exercise in the coming year? How many meetings will be held between the Environment Bureau and the Food and Health Bureau this year to discuss the regulation of safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil? What are the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

As a result of the Taiwan substandard lard incident in September 2014, the public expressed deep concern about the safety of edible oil. To address the public concern, the Food and Health Bureau and the Environment Bureau have decided to step up regulation of the safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in Hong Kong to safeguard food safety and Hong Kong's reputation. The two bureaux are working out the details of a regulatory proposal. As complex implementation details are involved, thorough deliberation and consultations with affected parties are needed to ensure the efficacy of the proposal. Hence, while it is the intention of the Government to launch a public consultation on the proposal in the first half of 2015, we are unable to give an exact date now for launching the

public consultation exercise.

The Food and Health Bureau together with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been discussing with the Environmental Protection Department on the details of the regulatory proposal. So far, four meetings have been held in 2014-15. The additional work relating to the formulation of the regulatory proposal and preparation of the public consultation document will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)016

(Question Serial No. 0910)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in Programme 2 that public consultation on regulation of cooked meat will be conducted in 2015-16. Does the Administration have an exact date to start the above public consultation? If so, what are the details? If not, why is there a delay in fixing the date? What are the manpower and expenditures involved in conducting the consultation next year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The Government plans to conduct a public consultation on the regulation of cooked meat in 2015-16. In this connection, the Government will conduct a risk assessment on the safety of cooked meat, review current regulation in Hong Kong and make reference to regulatory practices outside Hong Kong before coming up with a proposed regulatory proposal. The public consultation will be conducted upon completion of the above preparatory work. We will absorb the required manpower and expenditure from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0911)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

To ensure that imported edible oil meets the relevant requirements, the Government will introduce legislation to require importers of edible oil to provide an official certificate issued by the place of origin or a certificate issued by an independent testing institution recognised by the government of the place of origin, certifying that the edible oil imported into Hong Kong fulfils the relevant requirements. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has started discussion with major countries supplying edible oil to Hong Kong on the aforesaid proposals. Have these countries agreed to Hong Kong Government's proposals? Besides, how will the Government verify the authenticity of such certificates and ensure that edible oil importers will not import problematic edible oil by using counterfeit certificates?

In December 2014, the Government required that all "waste cooking oil" must be handed over to recyclers recognised by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) via the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, and that all records should be properly kept. Up until now, did any restaurants or food factories contravene the requirements? If so, what is the number of such cases? When inspecting restaurants and food factories this year, did the Government hand over any waste cooking oil to recognised recyclers? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? Will additional staff be deployed accordingly to handle the relevant work next year?

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

As a result of the Taiwan substandard lard incident in September 2014, the public expressed deep concern about the safety of edible oil. To address the public concern, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Environment Bureau have decided to step up regulation of the safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in Hong Kong to safeguard food safety and Hong Kong's reputation. FHB and Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) have met with Consulates General of

major oil exporting countries to collect their initial views on the proposed legislative framework. The Administration is studying the views received and will discuss with the concerned Consulates General as necessary before coming up with a legislative proposal for public consultation in the first half of 2015.

Under the legislative proposals being contemplated, an importer of edible oil has to provide an official certificate issued by the authority of the place of origin or a certificate issued by an independent testing institution recognised by the government of the place of origin. If the proposals are implemented, CFS will establish an appropriate protocol with relevant food safety authorities for recognition of the issuing bodies, agreement of the content of the required certificates, and for verifying the authenticity of the certificates.

As regards regulation over recycling of waste cooking oil (WCO), the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and FEHD are finalizing a scheme which will require, through imposing relevant licensing condition for restaurants and food factories, that all waste cooking oil must be handed over to collectors or recyclers recognised by EPD. EPD and FEHD plan to have the scheme rolled out within 2015. Additional work arising from the scheme will be absorbed from within the existing resources. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure required.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)018****(Question Serial No. 2399)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Currently, there are different ordinances regulating the cremation services of pets. What are the details of non-compliance cases (to be provided in the following table) in the past 3 years?

Date	District where Non-Compliant Crematorium is Found	Act of Non-Compliance	Ordinance Violated	Penalty	Follow-up Action (e.g. ban the crematorium, improve facilities)

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

The relevant Government departments may, according to their respective mandate, conduct inspections of premises for the purpose of checking whether the premises are used in ways that comply with the relevant legislation and requirements, including provisions in the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311), the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95), the Dangerous Goods Ordinance (Cap. 295), the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and the land lease, etc. Details of non-compliance found on premises that offer pet cremation service during such inspections are set out below –

	Date	District where Non-Compliant Crematorium is Found	Act of Non-Compliance	Ordinance Violated	Penalty	Follow-up Action
1	2 May 2012	Kwai Chung	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
	1 June 2012		Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 24 September 2012.
	31 December 2012		Emitted excessive dark smoke	Air Pollution Control (Smoke) Regulations, Cap. 311C	Convicted and fined \$5000	Recent inspections by EPD did not reveal emission of dark smoke from the concerned chimney.
	10 January 2013		Emitted excessive dark smoke	Air Pollution Control (Smoke) Regulations, Cap. 311C	Convicted and fined \$5000	Recent inspections by EPD did not reveal emission of dark smoke from the concerned chimney.
	5 February 2013		The unit entrance door was replaced by glass door without fire resistance rating	Section 3 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Cap. 95F	Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was issued	The Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was found complied with.
2	29 February 2012	Kwai Chung	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 16 April 2012.

	12 September 2012		Installed furnace and chimney without prior approval from the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)	Air Pollution Control (Furnaces, Ovens and Chimneys) (Installation and Alteration) Regulations, Cap. 311A	Convicted and fined \$5000	The concerned pet cremator had been removed. The operator installed suitably designed furnace and chimney.
	15 February 2013		The unit entrance door was replaced by glass door without fire resistance rating	Section 3 of the Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation, Cap. 95F	Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was issued	The Fire Hazard Abatement Notice was found complied with.
3	23 July 2012	Cheung Sha Wan	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 29 November 2012.
4	18 October 2012	Tai Kok Tsui	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. The Lands Department (Lands D) will keep in view the case.
5	27 November 2012 and 20 February 2014	Kowloon Bay	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 3 January 2013. Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. Lands D will keep in view the case.

6	19 December 2012	Kwun Tong	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letter was registered in the Land Registry on 22 March 2013.
7	30 January 2013	Tuen Mun	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
	20 June 2014		Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	Follow-up inspection revealed that the breach had been rectified. Lands D will keep in view the case.
8	21 February 2013, 28 March 2013 and 20 February 2014	Kowloon Bay	Breach of the user condition of the lease	Not applicable*	Warning letter issued*	The warning letters were registered in the Land Registry on 13 May 2013. Follow-up inspection revealed that the premises were vacant. Lands D will keep in view the case.
9	14 March 2013 and 13 March 2015	Yau Ma Tei	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building	Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Further to compliance with the previous removal order, the irregularity as found on 18 March 2014 is being followed up by the BD. Advisory letter issued and order subsequently served.

10	14 June 2013	Mongkok	Irregularities on fire resisting construction affecting the fire safety of the building.	Regulation 90 of the Building (Construction) Regulations, Cap. 123B	Order issued	Irregularities have been rectified. No further action by the BD.
11	30 September 2014	Tsing Yi	Installed furnace and chimney without prior approval from EPD	Air Pollution Control (Furnaces, Ovens and Chimneys) (Installation and Alternation) Regulations, Cap. 311A	Convicted and fined \$8000	Follow-up inspections by EPD revealed that the operator had ceased operation.

* A land lease is a contract. A breach of lease conditions may result in lease enforcement action taken by the Lands Department in its capacity as the landlord. It does not involve prosecution.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)019

(Question Serial No. 2728)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In the Estimates, the Financial Secretary pointed out that he “has asked relevant departments to implement as early as possible the proposal to facilitate alfresco dining operation, and to consider introducing Food Trucks, which is popular abroad, to the mix of Hong Kong's existing food scene.”

Will the Government amend the relevant hawker legislation in the future? On the whole, what will be the direction of amendment? What is the Government's policy position on issuing new hawker and “Dai Pai Tong” licenses, and the setting up of outdoor hawker bazaars and night markets?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. (56))

Reply:

Food Truck is a new idea put forth by the Financial Secretary in his 2015-16 Budget Speech. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau has, in collaboration with the Food and Health Bureau (FHB), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Transport Department and other relevant bureaux and departments, begun studying such aspects as the vehicle specifications and requirements, licensing requirements, mode of operation, food safety and environmental hygiene, etc. with a view to bringing in more diverse delicacies for tourists and citizens. At this stage, we are actively looking into and collecting information on practices and experiences in overseas countries (e.g. North America, Japan, Korea, Europe etc.). The timetable and detailed plan for implementation will be subject to the outcome of the study and whether legislative amendment is required.

At a recent meeting with the Subcommittee on Hawker Policy under the Panel on Food

Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council, FHB and FEHD have indicated that we would review the case for issue of new fixed-pitch hawker licences. The circumstances of individual hawker areas, including their fire safety and environmental hygiene situations, the business environment, comments of relevant departments, as well as the views of the relevant District Council(s) (DCs) and local residents will be taken into account. As for the issue of new “Dai Pai Tong” licences, as indicated at the same meeting that, subject to the support of relevant DCs, the Government is prepared to consider issuing such new licences on a pilot basis.

The Government does not have a policy bent on eradicating hawkers. It keeps an open mind towards proposals for developing the hawker trade or the establishment of open-air bazaars or night markets with local characteristics, so long as food safety and environmental hygiene are not compromised, public passageways are not obstructed and local community support is obtained. If suitable sites are identified with support from the relevant DCs, FHB and FEHD stand ready to facilitate liaison with the relevant government departments.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)020

(Question Serial No. 1475)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards the Agri-Park mentioned in the new agricultural policy, the Government initially considers that an Agri-park of an area ranging from 70 to 80 hectares should meet the requirements. In this connection, could the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a) What is the estimated expenditure of land resumption and setting up the Park?
- b) What employment opportunities and economic benefit will the Agri-Park bring to Hong Kong?
- c) What is the estimated letting rate of the agricultural land in the first year?
- d) How many tonnes of crop are expected to be produced by the Agri-Park?
- e) The Government indicates that the site identified may be a bit remote and promises to bear the expenditure in road construction in the future. What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- a) & e) We are in the course of consulting the public on the establishment of an Agricultural-Park (Agri-Park). We will consolidate the comments collected in the public consultation exercise from different sectors in society, and map out the way forward, including site identification and assessment on the infrastructural facilities required. At this stage, we do not have a concrete basis for estimating the expenditure

that may be involved in land resumption or providing infrastructural facilities for the Agri-Park.

- b) Agriculture as an industry, though modest in scale, may contribute to the economy and provide job opportunities. One of the key objectives of the new agricultural policy is to improve the productivity and business viability of the agricultural industry by adopting more diverse production methods, new technology and modern management practices, thereby allowing farmers to be self-reliant, improving their livelihood and enhancing their ability to cope with changes in operating environment. A vibrant agricultural sector that goes beyond the traditional mode of agricultural production with intensive labour input would also open up new employment opportunities for young people who aspire to develop a career in modern agriculture which embraces innovation as well as research and development.

The above notwithstanding, we should not focus only on the economic benefits and employment opportunities. We should also emphasise the other intangible benefits to the sustainable development of Hong Kong as a whole.

- c) At present, the average size of a farm in Hong Kong is about 0.2 hectare. Based on this, the Agri-Park (of a size of 70-80 hectares) can accommodate several hundred farmers. We do not have concrete estimate on the letting rate of the Agri-Park at this stage.
- d) Under the proposed scale of operation, we estimate that the Agri-Park will produce an additional \$200 million worth of crops. With regard to vegetables, the total yield is anticipated to increase by 25%.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)021

(Question Serial No. 1482)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As regards new agricultural policy, could the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Will consideration be made to subsidise scientific research and development, such as creating relevant subjects in universities or funding relevant studies in universities on commercialisation, which includes, for example, investment on high value-added agricultural products and adoption of farming mode with lower energy consumption and high production capacity such as water culture?
- (b) If the answer of (a) is yes, how much money will be injected by the Government and what form of subsidy will be adopted?
- (c) If the answer of (a) is no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

In recognition of the benefits of sustainable agriculture to society and the growing aspiration of our citizens favouring the balanced development of our city, we see a strong case for the Government to adopt a new policy which is more proactive towards the modernisation and sustainable development of local agriculture, with a view to maximising its contributions to the well-being of society other than as a source of primary production.

On 29 December 2014, the Government published a consultation document entitled “The New Agricultural Policy: Sustainable Agricultural Development in Hong Kong”, inviting public views on the proposed policy. One of the supportive measures proposed for the new policy is the establishment of a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF), which aims to provide financial support for promoting research and development for application of technology in agricultural production, facilitating the transfer of knowledge,

enhancing manpower training, improving agricultural infrastructure and strengthening marketing and branding of local agricultural produce, as well as assisting individual farmers to modernise their farming equipment and facilities.

(a)The SADF, if set up, would provide funding in the form of grants for scientific as well as adaptive research and studies, such as those on technology development and demonstration. It would also support the transfer of knowledge and training, improvement of agricultural infrastructure, development of local brands and related promotional activities, and exploration of new marketing channels. It would seek to assist individual farmers to modernise their farming equipment and facilities to scale up production and to improve efficiencies. In addition, the provision of matching grants to entrepreneurs to propel the adoption of new agricultural practices to raise productivity, improve sustainability or diversify local production, would also be explored.

Eligible applicants for the SADF would include tertiary and research institutions, non-profit making agricultural industry associations and trade unions, non-governmental organisations, agricultural co-operative societies, individual farmers, as well as entrepreneurs pioneering agricultural production in Hong Kong.

In addition, for better coordination of research efforts, we may encourage interested institutions to join force by establishing a local agricultural research centre on a self-financing basis to facilitate the continuous development of local agriculture. This centre may take forward its research and development projects by applying for research grants from the proposed SADF or other related public funds such as the Environment and Conservation Fund, private donation or sponsorships.

(b)We are in the course of consulting the public on the proposed policy and supportive measures, including the establishment of an SADF. We will take into account the comments collected before finalising our proposals and taking follow up actions including the establishment of the SADF, among other things, in accordance with established procedures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)022

(Question Serial No. 0255)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environment Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated under Programme (3) that the Food Branch will increase the supply of columbarium and crematorium facilities and promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance next year. May the Government provide information on the following:

1. What are the details concerning the additional columbaria and cremation service provided by the Government next year?
2. What are the manpower and expenditure involved?
3. What was the average waiting time for public columbaria and cremation service in the past 3 years?
4. Will the average waiting time be shortened with an increase in the supply of the above facilities? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) plans to allocate about 13 650 new niches at the Diamond Hill columbarium and Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road columbarium (Phase V) in 2015-16. The allocation process is expected to be completed by August 2015. As regards new columbaria projects in the pipeline, the Department has consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils for the construction of 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at

Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches (Phase I) at Wo Hop Shek. The next step is to proceed with the conceptual / detailed design, as applicable, of the relevant projects, e.g. for site formation and associated infrastructural works for the Sandy Ridge Cemetery project and for the columbaria at Chai Wan and Wo Hop Shek project (Phase 1). In addition, the Department has obtained the green light from the Tuen Mun District Council for us to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui and we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the detailed design approved by the District Council. Subject to the approval of the FC, construction works for the Tsang Tsui columbarium are scheduled to start in 2016 for completion in 2018. As regards the other sites identified for columbarium development, the Department has largely completed the necessary Engineering Feasibility Studies and Traffic Impact Assessments and will consult the relevant District Councils before columbarium development is taken forward.

On cremation services, the reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium is underway, providing a total of ten cremators and ancillary facilities. The first phase providing four new cremators was completed in early 2013 while the second phase providing another six new cremators is expected to be completed by late 2015. Upon completion, the cremation capacity is expected to be sufficient for meeting demand up to 2025.

2. The estimated cost for developing the new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details. For the Tsang Tsui project for which the detailed design has been approved by the relevant District Council, we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the approved design. The estimated expenditure for developing new columbarium facilities is hence not available at this stage.
3. There is no waiting list for the allocation of new niches in public columbaria. New niches are allocated through computer balloting. Unsuccessful applications would be carried forward to subsequent phases of allocation automatically if the applicant has indicated such intention in the application form. For existing niches which are vacated and re-allocated, the average waiting time in the past three years is as follows –

Year	Average waiting time (months)
2012	43.5
2013	45
2014	54

As regards cremation services, it is the Department's pledge that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the day an application is made. The pledge was fully met from 2012 to 2014.

4. As explained above, new niches are allocated through computer balloting as opposed to being based on a waiting list. Nevertheless, the Department will continue to endeavor

to meet its pledge of arranging cremation services within 15 days from the day an application is made.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)023

(Question Serial No. 0256)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environment Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated under Programme (3) that the Food Branch will increase the supply of columbarium and crematorium facilities and promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance next year. May the Government provide information on the following:

1. How many cases concerning the selection of columbarium and cremation service are currently handled by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department each day?
2. Is there any capacity to handle more cases? If yes, what are the details?
3. Will more resources and manpower be provided to handle the increased cases? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. Successful applicants are being invited by batches to select the new niches at the Diamond Hill columbarium or Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road columbarium (Phase V). Currently, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) invites about 160 such applicants for niche selection each day. For cremation service, it is the Department's pledge that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. In 2014, the Department handled a total of 41 244 body cremations, i.e. an average of about 110 cremations each day.

2. For the services pertaining to niche allocation, having regard to the likely turnout of the applicants, the Department increased the number of invited applicants per day from 125 to 140 in December 2014, and further increased it to 160 in January 2015. For cremation service, it is the Department's pledge that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. Extra cremation sessions would be arranged as and when necessary to meet the above performance pledge.

3. For niche selection, successful applicants are invited to select niches one after the other according to their priority numbers on the appointed date and time. There is inevitably a ceiling to the Department's maximum daily handling capacity in the allocation of new niches. Having regard to the likely turnout of applicants, the Department already increased the number of applicants being invited for niche selection to 160 each day since January 2015. The required manpower and resources are absorbed from within the Department's existing resources. For cremation service, it is the Department's pledge that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. Extra cremation sessions would be arranged as and when necessary to meet the above performance pledge. The additional resources required for such extra cremation sessions are absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)024

(Question Serial No. 0257)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated under Programme (3) that the Food Branch will increase the supply of columbarium and crematorium facilities and promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance next year. May the Government provide information on the following:

1. The Government will promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance next year. What are the details?
2. What are the manpower and expenditure involved?
3. Has the Government set any indicator for the above promotion work? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
4. Regarding cases concerning the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance, what are the respective numbers of cases handled by the Government in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

1. To promote the scattering of cremated human ashes at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) organises talks for elderly centres/homes and schools, produces and updates publicity

booklets and leaflets, and collaborates with non-government organisations in promotional programmes. A new Announcement in the Public Interest on green burial is being produced for broadcast in the second quarter of 2015. As with the last three years, the Department will set up a publicity booth on green burial in the Retiree and Senior Fair in July 2015.

2. The estimated expenditure involved in the promotion of green burial in 2015-16 is \$1.16 million. The above promotion work will be undertaken by existing staff and no additional manpower will be required.
3. It takes time for the community at large to accept green burial as a sustainable form of handling cremated human ashes. Our promotion work has started to bear fruit in that the total number of cases where ashes are scattered at sea and in Gardens of Remembrance has increased by about 25% from 2012 to 2014. We will continue to improve our green burial facilities and services while stepping up our promotion efforts.
4. The respective number of cases handled by the Government where cremated human ashes are scattered at sea or in Gardens of Remembrance in the past three years is as follows –

Year	Number of cases	Scattering of ashes		
		At sea	In Gardens of Remembrance	Total
2012	791	2 023	2 814	
2013	797	2 354	3 151	
2014	856	2 697	3 553	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)025

(Question Serial No. 3260)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to prevent avian influenza outbreak, including undertaking a study on the future of the live poultry trade in the coming year. Will the Government advise:

1. What are the details of the above study? When is the study expected to be completed? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? The Government has time and again mentioned a change in the eating habit of the ordinary citizens in that there has been a growing consumption of chilled and frozen poultry on the whole. Will it be the Government's pre-determined position to ban the sale of live chicken, thus undermining the impartiality of the above study?
2. In view of the outbreak of avian influenza in Hong Kong every year, will the Government deploy more manpower accordingly to deal with it in the coming year? If yes, what are the details? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

1. Contact with infected live poultry is the main source of risk insofar as human infection by avian influenza (AI) is concerned. Over the past decade or so, the Government and the local live poultry industry, as well as the Mainland inspection and quarantine authorities and the farms supplying Hong Kong, have collaboratively built up a resilient and stringent system for the surveillance and control of AI, for the purpose of reducing the AI risks in Hong Kong.

However, no surveillance system can attain zero risk. As long as we continue the current practice of supplying live poultry, the public health threat persists. It is for consideration whether Hong Kong, being a place with scarce land resources and so densely populated, should continue with a practice that enables close contact between humans and live poultry.

The Government is commissioning a consultant to study the future of the live poultry trade including whether the sale of live poultry should continue in Hong Kong. The Government does not have a pre-conceived policy position on this. The Consultant will be invited to evaluate all possible policy options and provide its recommendations on the way forward that would serve the best interest of Hong Kong and give due regard to the AI risks concerned. We hope to complete the consultancy study and seek public views on the Consultant's recommendations within 2015.

Existing manpower will be deployed to handle the work related to the consultancy study. Estimation on the consultancy fee is not available at this stage.

2. In 2015-16, the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reduce the risk of AI outbreaks in Hong Kong, taking into account the prevailing AI risk in Hong Kong and the South China region. The Food and Health Bureau is responsible for formulating and overseeing the overall strategy, whereas the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) are responsible for the implementation of the preventive and control measures.

The programme administered by AFCD includes (a) close surveillance of poultry in local farms and wholesale poultry market, pet birds, wild birds and the environment to enable early detection of AI viruses and prevention of AI outbreaks; (b) conducting regular inspections to local farms to ensure compliance with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of chickens against AI, and taking enforcement actions against non-compliant cases; (c) carrying out enforcement operations to combat illegal keeping of backyard poultry; (d) keeping the local, regional and global AI situation under monitoring, thereby providing an informed basis for the Government to regularly review the AI risk in Hong Kong and ensure that the AI prevention and control measures remain effective and appropriate in present-day circumstances; and (e) organising various education and publicity activities related to AI such as education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 for the monitoring, prevention and control of AI as well as related publicity work managed by AFCD is \$49.1 million. A total of 46 staff in AFCD are involved in this area of work, same as that in 2014-15.

In parallel, FEHD will continue with its surveillance and inspection programme. The work includes (a) conducting surveillance and inspection of imported live poultry at Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station; and (b) inspecting registered farms that export poultry to Hong Kong (including those in the Mainland and other places). In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for import inspection is \$8.8 million and that for

inspection of poultry farms is \$6.1 million. A total of 49 staff in FEHD are involved in this area of work, same as that in 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)026

(Question Serial No. 3119)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme 2, the Government will devise and implement a strategic plan in the next financial year to reduce intake of salt and sugars in food so as to promote a healthy diet. Could the Government provide information on the following:

1. The Government will promote a reduction in the intake of salt and sugars in food in the next financial year. What are the details? What are the forms of promotional activities? How many promotional activities will be held by the Government in the next financial year? How many people do these activities target at? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?
2. The WHO recommends its members to reduce the average intake of salt by 30% by 2025 (i.e. from 10 grams to 7 grams in the case of Hong Kong). But the level is still higher than the maximum average salt intake of 5 grams per day as recommended by the WHO. Will the Government implement further plans to achieve the maximum intake level of 5 grams per day as recommended by the WHO? If yes, what are the details? Is there a timetable? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

1. The Government announced in Policy Agenda 2015 to devise and implement a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugar in food so as to promote a healthy diet. In this connection, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Committee). Members of the Committee comprise representatives from different sectors, including healthcare professional organisations, the food trade, the relevant academia, the media, consumers and the education sector.

The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Secretary for Food and Health on the formulation of policy directions and work plans to reduce the intake of salt and sugar by the public, as well as to reduce salt and sugar in food. The first Committee meeting was held on 27 March 2015. At the same time, the Government will continue to draw reference from the advice on international experiences rendered by the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Panel) (formerly known as International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Dietary Sodium and Sugars in Hong Kong) which comprises five renowned public health experts from the Mainland and overseas.

The Government will make reference to the views of the aforesaid Committee and Panel before mapping out the reduction strategy, and promotional activities to be organised in 2015-16.

2. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). In terms of salt, WHO has recommended its members to meet a target of 30% relative reduction in mean population intake of salt by 2025, with an ultimate aim of achieving a target of maximum daily intake of 5 grams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)027

(Question Serial No. 3072)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimate for salaries payable to the Secretaries, the Under Secretaries and the Political Assistants respectively in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions reserved in 2015-16 for the salary in respect of the positions of Secretary for Food and Health, Under Secretary for Food and Health and Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)028

(Question Serial No. 3073)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. It is mentioned that the Bureau will devise and implement a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugars in food by the public. What are the details of the plan? And what are the expenditures involved?
2. Regarding the preparation for the implementation of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2014, what are the details? And what are the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

1. The Government announced in Policy Agenda 2015 to devise and implement a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugar in food so as to promote a healthy diet. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

In this connection, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Committee). Members of the Committee comprise representatives from different sectors, including healthcare professional organisations, the food trade, the relevant academia, the media, consumers and the education sector. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Secretary for Food and Health on the formulation of policy directions and work plans to reduce the intake of salt and sugar by the public, as well as to reduce salt and sugar in food. The first Committee meeting was held on 27 March 2015. At the same time, the Government will continue to draw reference from the advice on international experiences rendered by the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the

Panel) (formerly known as International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Dietary Sodium and Sugars in Hong Kong) which comprises five renowned public health experts from the Mainland and overseas.

The Government will make reference to the views of the aforesaid Committee and Panel in devising the strategy to reduce salt and sugar in food. The additional expenditure required in 2015-16 will be absorbed from within existing resources.

2. The Legislative Council completed scrutiny of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2014 (“the Amendment Regulation”) on 22 October 2014. The Amendment Regulation seeks to mandate nutrition labelling of infant formula, follow-up formula and prepackaged food for infants and young children (IYC food) under the age of 36 months as well as regulate the nutritional composition of infant formula. The Amendment Regulation will come into force on 13 December 2015 (after a grace period of 18 months) for infant formula and on 13 June 2016 (after a grace period of 24 months) for follow-up formula and prepackaged IYC foods.

In order to prepare the trade for implementation of the Amendment Regulation, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has issued Technical and Method Guidance Notes for traders’ reference. CFS has also co-organised with the Hong Kong Accreditation Service and Government Laboratory a technical workshop regarding international proficiency test programmes for local laboratories.

In 2015-16, CFS will launch a publicity campaign on the implementation of the Amendment Regulation targeting members of the public and the trade. CFS will also devise and implement a surveillance plan to check the compliance with the new legal requirements upon commencement of the Amendment Regulation. The additional expenditure incurred will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)029

(Question Serial No. 1653)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the amount of subventions for animal welfare organisations under subhead 000, please inform the following:

- (a) What are the reasons for the Government to reduce by half the original provision from \$1,000,000 to \$500,000?
- (b) Will the Government regularise the annual subventions of \$1,000,000?
- (c) Please tabulate the amount of subventions received by various animal welfare organisations over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been collaborating with animal welfare organisations (AWOs) to enhance animal welfare and promote better animal management. Starting from 2011-12, a provision of \$1 million has been earmarked in each financial year for providing subvention to AWOs to facilitate their implementation of relevant programmes. AFCD has since been monitoring the implementation of the subvention scheme. While all the applications have been fully or partly approved in accordance with a set of guidelines and criteria, the total amount of subvention issued to the AWOs concerned annually has been about \$0.5 million on average since the inception of the scheme. As such, AFCD has adjusted the provision earmarked for the subvention to \$0.5 million in 2015-16 with reference to available empirical data. We will closely monitor the situation and adjust the provision for the subvention in future as necessary with a view to providing suitable assistance to AWOs in carrying out programmes and activities

conducive to enhancing animal welfare and promoting better animal management.

- (c) The amount of subvention given to different AWOs since the inception of the subvention scheme is listed in the table below:

Organisation	Amount of Subvention (\$)				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (revised estimate)	Total
Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	0*	57,868	65,600	84,339	207,807
Hong Kong Dog Rescue		-	201,600	150,000	351,600
Lifelong Animal Protection Charity		173,000	99,779	120,000	392,779
Society for Abandoned Animals		202,974	262,400	-	465,374
Hong Kong Rabbit Society		-	45,872	44,835	90,707
Sai Kung Stray Friends		-	-	35,000	35,000
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)		-	12,000	13,200	25,200
Total		433,842	687,251	447,374	1,568,467

* Subvention is given upon completion of the approved projects / activities. As none of the approved projects / activities was completed in 2011-12, no subvention was paid out that year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)030

(Question Serial No. 1654)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to Programme (3), the Administration caught 6 886 stray animals in 2014. Please advise on:

- (a) the types of animals caught in tabular form;
- (b) the number of injured animals caught;
- (c) the ways that animals caught would be handled;
- (d) the expenditure involved in handling animals caught;
- (e) the method(s) employed to catch animals; and
- (f) the expenditure on catching animals.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

- (a) The number of stray animals caught in 2014 is as follows:

Dogs	Cats	Others*
3 676	1 836	1 374

* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs, rats), pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

- (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of injured animals caught. Since stray animals may suffer

injury from time to time due to infection, accidents or fighting with other animals, keeping such statistics serves little purpose for the proper management of stray animals.

- (c) Stray dogs and cats caught will usually be kept at the Animal Management Centres (AMCs) for at least four days pending retrieval by their owners. Unclaimed dogs and cats will be passed to animal welfare organisations (AWOs) for rehoming if they are found to be healthy and of an acceptable temperament. Only animals which are assessed to be unsuitable for rehoming due to health or temperamental reasons, or cannot be rehomed by AWOs, will be euthanised.
- (d) In 2014-15, the revised expenditure for handling animals caught (including rehoming, reclaiming and euthanasia) is \$1.7 million.
- (e) In general, upon receipt of complaints or reports from members of the public regarding nuisances caused by stray animals, the AMCs will conduct follow up inspections and arrange catching operations as necessary. The methods employed to catch stray animals mainly depend on the types of animals involved and the circumstances surrounding the catching operation. In most cases, catching poles or snares that are specially designed would be employed for catching dogs while cages or nets would be used for catching cats.
- (f) The revised expenditure in 2014-15 for the management of stray animals including catching operations is \$29.2 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)031

(Question Serial No. 1655)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3), the Administration will follow through the legislative amendments to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B). What is its progress? When is it expected to take effect? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

In October 2012, the Government conducted a two-month public consultation on the proposals to better regulate pet trading and breeding of dogs for sale, in the interests of enhancing animal health and welfare. The key proposals included: (a) introducing a new system of licence/permit to tighten the regulation of dog breeders and traders; (b) increasing the penalties under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B); and (c) empowering the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation to revoke animal trader licences under specific circumstances. In April 2013, we reported to the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council (LegCo) on the outcome of the consultation. At the meeting, Panel Members expressed different views on the proposals. Some animal welfare groups and other stakeholders in the pet trading and breeding trades also provided further comments on the proposals. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department had since revisited the proposed measures and the legislative proposals in light of the views expressed by Panel Members and maintained dialogue with animal welfare groups, animal breeders/traders and other concerned parties. In July 2014, we presented our considered views on and response to the issues raised by Panel Members. The Panel did not object to the relevant proposed measures and legislative proposals. We are now in the course of drafting the legislative amendments to Cap. 139B, and aim to table the amendment regulation before LegCo within 2015.

Apart from the existing resources allocated for the regulation of animal trading, an additional provision of \$3.6 million and seven staff (one Senior Field Officer, two Field Officer I and four Field Officer II) have been earmarked for the implementation of the amendment regulation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)032

(Question Serial No. 1656)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding Programme (3), please provide in table form the following information about the four animal management centres under the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past five years:

- (a) operating expenses
- (b) manpower and the turnover rate (the number of qualified veterinary surgeons in the professional grade and the total number)
- (c) the number of inspections
- (d) the number of enforcement actions taken
- (e) the number of prosecutions (please specify the maximum and the minimum penalty)

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department provides animal management services to the public through four animal management centres (AMCs) which are located in the New Territories North (NTN), New Territories South (NTS), Kowloon (K) and Hong Kong Island (HK) respectively. The actual expenditure and revised estimate for operating the respective AMCs over the past 5 years are as follows:

Financial Year	AMC/NTN (\$ million)	AMC/NTS (\$ million)	AMC/K (\$ million)	AMC/HK (\$ million)
2010-11	15.87	10.77	13.60	10.77
2011-12	17.82	12.09	15.27	12.09
2012-13	20.70	14.05	17.74	14.05
2013-14	21.33	14.47	18.28	14.47
2014-15 (revised estimate)	21.70	15.86	19.19	14.19

(b) The four AMCs are overseen by one Senior Veterinary Officer. The staff establishment and turnover rate of the four AMCs over the past 5 years are as follows:

Financial Year	Total Number of Posts in the Four AMCs		Turnover Rate	
	Veterinary Officer	Technical / Frontline Staff	Veterinary Officer	Technical / Frontline Staff
2010-11	4	159	0%	6.3%
2011-12	4	170	25%	7.1%
2012-13	4	170	0%	7.1%
2013-14	4	168	0%	6.5%
2014-15	4	171	0%	2.9%

(c) - (e) The number of inspections conducted on licensed animal trading, boarding, riding and temporary exhibition establishments, prosecutions against these premises, and the highest and lowest fine over the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Number of Inspections	Number of Prosecutions	Highest Fine	Lowest Fine
2010	5 053	17	\$2,000	\$500
2011	4 962	12	\$2,000	\$300
2012	5 276	2	\$2,000	\$800
2013	5 362	2	\$1,000	\$700
2014	5 576	1	\$800	\$800

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)033

(Question Serial No. 1691)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

As described under Programme (3) on page 44 of Head 22, it is estimated that there will be an increase of 10 posts in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in 2015-16. What will be the specific duties of the additional staff?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the table below:

Posts	Duties
1 Agricultural Officer 1 Field Officer II	To promote the safe and proper use of pesticides
5 Field Officer II 1 Senior Field Assistant 1 Field Assistant 1 Motor Driver	To enhance animal welfare and animal management services

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)034****(Question Serial No. 3112)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding enforcement on animal and plant regulation under Programme (3), the numbers of licences/permits and animal and plant health certificates issued increased by 10% and 41% respectively in 2014 as compared with 2013. Please set out the categories of the additional licences/permits issued and the reasons for the increase.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 50)Reply:

The breakdown on the numbers of licences/permits as well as animal and plant health certificates issued in 2013 and 2014 are as follows.

Categories of licences/permits issued	2013	2014	Increase
Animal trader licences	555	557	0%
Animal import permits	6 200	6 926	12%
Plant import licences	2 035	2 208	9%
Total	8 790	9 691	10%

Categories of certificates issued	2013	2014	Increase
Animal health certificates	5 059	5 071	0%
Plant health certificates	3 576	7 137	100%
Total	8 635	12 208	41%

The number of licences/permits issued increased by 10% in 2014, relative to 2013. This is attributed to the increase in the importation and transshipment of animals and plants.

The number of animal and plant health certificates issued increased by 41% in 2014, relative to 2013. This is mainly attributed to the increase in the export of plants.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)035

(Question Serial No. 0134)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

On the use of pesticides, would the Administration inform this Committee of the operational expenditure and the number of staff involved in the regulation of pesticides in the last year? What are the estimated operational expenditure, number of staff and salary expenditure involved in the regulation of pesticides in 2015-2016?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the regulation of pesticides were \$17 million and 30 staff. In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure and manpower are \$15 million and 27 staff.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)036

(Question Serial No. 0687)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the production of vegetables and the throughput at Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) market under the indicators for Agriculture,

- (a) What are the reasons for a reduction in the actual number in 2014 as compared with that in 2013 for both items?
- (b) Among the vegetables currently marketed through VMO, what is the proportion of vegetables imported from the Mainland and those produced by local farms? Please set out by types of vegetables.
- (c) Is it known whether there are any locally produced vegetables distributed for sale without being handled by VMO? If yes, what is the amount? What are the reasons for VMO fails to handle such vegetables?
- (d) Will additional manpower be allocated to handle more locally produced vegetables? If yes, what are the details and the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- (a) The reduction in local vegetable production in 2014 as compared with that of 2013 was mainly due to bad weather. There were two black rainstorms and one typhoon event in 2014 that had seriously damaged vegetable production (in respect of which recourse to the Emergency Relief Fund was called for to give emergency support to affected farmers). Bad weather had also affected the farmlands in the Mainland that are supplying vegetables to Hong Kong. In the summer of 2014, there had been a lot of rainfall in Ningxia Yinchuan (寧夏銀川) which is a major source of leafy vegetables to

Hong Kong. The cold and rainy weather in Guangdong Province during the winter time also dampened the supply of vegetables marketed through the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO).

- (b) Among the vegetables currently marketed through VMO, about 2 percent (by weight) comes from local farms while the rest comes mainly from the Mainland. Examples of some commonly consumed vegetables that were marketed through VMO, broken down by source, are given in the Annex.
- (c) We estimate that in 2014, about 13 000 tonnes of locally produced vegetables were distributed for sale without going through VMO. Local farmers are free to choose the most suitable marketing channel for their produce. They can use other wholesale markets such as the North District Temporary Wholesale Market and the Yuen Long Tin Kwong Hui Vegetable Wholesale Market or sell their produce directly to consumers through on-farm sale or home delivery.
- (d) The existing wholesale market facilities provided by VMO and the Government should be able to handle all locally produced vegetables. We have no plan to allocate additional manpower to this area of work.

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**Examples of commonly consumed vegetables
marketed through VMO in 2014, broken down by source**

Name of Vegetable		Source	
		Mainland	Local
English	Chinese	Percentage of market share in weight (%)	Percentage of market share in weight (%)
Tomato	番茄	99.91%	0.09%
Flowering Chinese cabbage	菜芯	99.88%	0.12%
Hairy Gourd	毛瓜	99.80%	0.20%
Chinese Kale	芥蘭	99.60%	0.40%
Egg Plant	茄瓜	99.30%	0.70%
White Cabbage	白菜	98.60%	1.40%

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)037

(Question Serial No. 2070)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the existing locally-operated hydroponic farms, please provide the number, their locations, the district distribution, areas occupied, the total production area and their respective zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan (such as Agriculture, Green Belt, etc).

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied	Total production area	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land					
Industrial Building					

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 290)

Reply:

The requested information is tabulated below:

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied (m ²)	Total production area (m ²)	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Agricultural Land	Yuen Long	8	25 440	20 630	Agriculture; Green Belt; Industrial; Open Storage; Open Space; Coastal Protection Area
	North	4	4 240	2 970	Agriculture; Green Belt
	Tuen Mun	1	100	70	Village Type Development

Location	District	Number	Areas occupied (m²)	Total production area (m²)	Zonings on the Outline Zoning Plan
Industrial Building	Kwun Tong	2	430	1 040	Other Specified Use
	Kwai Ching	2	310	620	Industrial; Other Specified Use
	Sham Shui Po	1	250	500	Residential *
	North	1	10	20	Industrial

* The hydroponic centre is located on a piece of land under Short Term Tenancy which allows operation of a small vegetable factory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)038

(Question Serial No. 0986)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

To support modernisation of local agricultural technology, the Vegetable Marketing Organization established at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Marketing in 2013 the first "Controlled Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre" (C.E.H.R&D Centre) in Hong Kong. Please provide the following information:

In 2014-15, what are expenditure and manpower of the C.E.H.R&D Centre? What are the production area of the Centre, as well as the crop varieties, production quantity and value?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The revised estimate in 2014-15 for the expenditure and manpower involved in the operation of the Controlled-Environment Hydroponic Research and Development Centre are \$1.5 million and 5 staff respectively. The centre has a production area of about 500 square metres. It grows five varieties of baby salad green, i.e. Mizuna, Oak Leaf Lettuce, Red Asian Mustard, Chinese Flat Cabbage and Rocket. Currently, about 32 kg of vegetable are produced daily at a wholesale value of about \$180 per kg.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)039

(Question Serial No. 0987)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the trawl ban in Hong Kong waters, please advise on the following:

- (a) What was the progress of enforcement against “illegal trawling” and its effectiveness in 2014-15?
- (b) What are the expenditure and manpower involved in enforcement against “illegal trawling” in 2015-16?
- (c) What were the number of patrol launches, patrol areas and number of patrols conducted against “illegal trawling” in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been actively taking enforcement action against illegal trawling. Apart from conducting regular and targeted patrols in the waters of Hong Kong and collection of intelligence from various sources, AFCD also conducts joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force to combat illegal trawling from time to time. In 2014, there were a total of 10 successful prosecutions against illegal trawling.
- (b) AFCD has earmarked \$13.1 million and 18 staff for enforcement against illegal trawling in 2015-16.
- (c) In 2014, AFCD has deployed three vessels on patrols in the waters of Hong Kong against illegal trawling, focusing on areas in which intelligence suggested the occurrence of illegal trawling from time to time. The number of AFCD patrols conducted is more than 1 400.

In addition, there are other AFCD vessels deployed for the implementation of the Marine Parks Ordinance. If staff manning these vessels detect any illegal fishing activities, they would alert the relevant officers for enforcement action.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)040

(Question Serial No. 0988)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding promoting sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the details, expenditure and manpower involved in promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries (e.g. the development of eco-tourism, leisure agriculture and fisheries industries, agriculture and fisheries industries employing innovative technology and other sustainable fisheries) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)?
- (b) What are the details, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the planning and implementation of activities and services for promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries in 2015-16?
- (c) What are the progress and timetable of the work involved in the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in following up on the operation of the Fund?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

- (a) Over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been pursuing various programmes and activities to enhance the sustainability of the local agricultural industry. These include (i) efforts to encourage the development of organic farming through provision of technical assistance to local farmers under the Organic Farming Support Service Scheme, joint efforts with the Vegetable Marketing Organization and the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies in promoting the production and marketing of local organic produce, and supporting the Hong Kong Organic Resource

Centre in its endeavours to educate the public on organic farming and promote the certification of organic products; (ii) assisting farmers to develop new farming techniques such as intensive greenhouse production and controlled environment agriculture and hydroponic technology; (iii) introduction of new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) development of brand names for local produces through the Accredited Farm Scheme; (v) assisting the industry to set up weekend farmers' markets and organising large-scale carnivals, such as the annual FarmFest, to help showcase local agricultural and fishery products to the public; and (vi) administering three loan funds to provide loans to farmers for farm development and operation.

Regarding the fisheries industry, AFCD has been promoting its sustainable development in the past four years through (i) implementing a suite of fisheries management and enhancement measures to help conserve and restore depleted marine resources; (ii) assisting fishermen to switch to sustainable fisheries operations and helping fish farmers to develop sustainable aquaculture through technical support services and credit facilities, including offering free training on sustainable fisheries and fisheries-related operations, implementing a pilot fish hatchery scheme, and providing loans to fishermen and fish farmers; (iii) promoting good aquaculture practices and monitoring of aquaculture environment and fish health management; and (iv) setting up the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) for funding projects and research that are conducive to the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.

The manpower and expenditure involved in promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture and fisheries industries over the past four years are as follows:

Financial Year	Manpower (Number of Staff)		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Agriculture Industry	Fisheries Industry	Agriculture Industry	Fisheries Industry
2011-12	76	80	26.0	45.7
2012-13	73	94	31.3	997.5 [#]
2013-14	75	90	30.8	138.4 [#]
2014-15 (revised estimate)	74	96	33.3	100.7 [#]

[#] Including the actual expenditure of \$940 million in 2012-13 and \$80.7 million in 2013-14, and the estimated expenditure of \$38.2 million in 2014-15 for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban.

- (b) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue with its current programmes in promoting the sustainable development of the agriculture industry as stated above. The same level of resources as in the case of 2014-15 has been earmarked for this area of work.

Regarding the fisheries industry, AFCD will continue with the various programmes and activities mentioned in (a) above. We have earmarked 90 staff and \$130 million, including \$19.8 million for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban and \$50 million for the SFDF, for promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.

- (c) The SFDF is open to applications since July 2014. Up to end February 2015, a total of 15 applications have been received. The SFDF Advisory Committee has been set up to tender advice to the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation on the overall strategy for funding projects and the relative priorities of applications for funding support under SFDF. The Advisory Committee is processing the applications received with a view to approving the first batch of applications within the first half of 2015. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 for the administration of the SFDF is \$1.2 million. A total of three staff is involved in this task.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)041

(Question Serial No. 0989)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding epidemic prevention for the livestock keeping industry in Hong Kong, please advise on the following:

- (a) The latest progress of the epidemic prevention work, and the work plan, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in 2015-16.
- (b) The types of pig and bird vaccines introduced and the expenditure involved respectively over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15).
- (c) Further, the total expenditure involved respectively in vaccinating pigs and birds in 2011-12 to 2014-15. What were the respective average costs? What were the respective numbers of pigs and birds vaccinated?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

- (a) In 2015-16, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will make continued efforts to prevent and control the outbreak of animal and zoonotic diseases in local chicken and pig farms through (i) conducting regular inspections to local farms to ensure that the farmers comply with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of poultry against avian influenza (AI), and taking enforcement action against non-compliant cases; (ii) providing technical advice and assistance to farmers on proper farm management, prevention and control of animal diseases; and (iii) organising education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers. The estimated expenditure is \$34 million. A total of 46 staff will be involved in this area of work in 2015-16.

- (b) Over the past three years, one new vaccine, namely the Re-6 H5N1 AI vaccine, was introduced into Hong Kong for use in local chicken farms by the New Territories Chicken Breeders Association, after its successful registration with the Department of Health in August 2012 with technical assistance from AFCD. The expenditure involved in the provision of technical assistance was absorbed in the comprehensive AI surveillance programme and cannot be separately quantified. AFCD did not introduce any new vaccine for use in the pig farms in the same period.
- (c) Apart from the mandatory AI vaccination programme for chickens in local farms, pig or chicken farmers may decide whether any other vaccines should be used for better protection of their farm animals against any particular disease. Commonly used vaccines that are registered in Hong Kong include those against porcine circovirus, Foot and Mouth Disease, Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome, etc. in pigs, and those against New Castle Disease, Infectious Tracheitis and Gumboro Disease, etc. in poultry. All the vaccines used in local farms are purchased by farmers at their own cost. AFCD does not keep any information on the total expenditure and the average costs involved in vaccinating pigs and poultry, and the number of pigs and poultry vaccinated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)042

(Question Serial No. 0990)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding technical support for aquaculture fisheries, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How were the technological development studies conducted and support provided for aquaculture fisheries (e.g. culture trials of fish, promotion of pellet feeds, etc.) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)? What was the respective expenditure involved?
- (b) What are the details of the project, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in conducting technological development studies and providing support for aquaculture fisheries in 2015-16?
- (c) What were the details of the technology and support provided for oyster culture over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)? What were the respective expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) conducts technological development studies and provides technical support for the local aquaculture industry to enhance its productivity and sustainability. Over the past four years, AFCD has been (i) promoting good aquaculture practices to enhance fish farm management and implementing a fish health management programme to help fish farmers prevent, diagnose and contain fish diseases to minimise loss; (ii) identifying suitable new culture species with good market potential (Jade Perch being one such example), promoting the culture of Jade Perch by organising training workshops and providing technical support to local fish farmers in hatching and rearing of Jade Perch fries; (iii) implementing the Accredited Fish Farm Scheme to enhance the competitiveness of the local aquaculture industry (with the participation of 113 fish

farms so far); and (iv) conducting adaptive studies and a pilot fish hatchery scheme to improve fish fry production and rearing techniques. The expenditure involved is set out below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)				
	Good aquaculture practice and fish health management	New culture species	Accredited Fish Farm Scheme	Adaptive studies and pilot fish hatchery scheme	Total
2011-12	5.1	2.0	3.0	4.7	14.8
2012-13	6.1	2.3	3.6	5.3	17.3
2013-14	5.6	2.5	3.3	5.7	17.1
2014-15 (revised estimate)	6.0	3.6	3.6	8.5	21.7

- (b) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue to support the local aquaculture industry through the measures described in (a) above. In addition, AFCD will initiate the process of expanding an existing marine fish culture zone and continue with the feasibility study on the designation of new marine fish culture zones for the sustainable development of the aquaculture industry. Efforts will be made to further promote advanced technology for fish farming including fish hatchery and nursery. The provision earmarked for conducting technological development studies and providing support to the aquaculture industry in 2015-16 is 21.6 million involving 22 staff.
- (c) AFCD promotes good aquaculture practices and provides technical support to enhance the productivity of oyster farming. We have strengthened this area of work in 2014-15. For example, we have set up facilities in our Ta Kwu Ling Operation Centre for conducting feasibility studies aimed at enhancing the food safety of locally cultured oysters through depuration. The expenditure and manpower involved in providing support to oyster culture over the past four years are as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	Manpower (Number of staff)
2011-12	0.4	1
2012-13	0.5	1
2013-14	0.5	1
2014-15 (revised estimate)	0.7	2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)043

(Question Serial No. 0991)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the provision of administrative and technical support to the operation of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO), please advise the Committee on the following:

- (a) Over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15), what was the administrative and technical support provided for the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme of the VMO? What were the expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) Over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15), what were the expenditure and manpower involved in handling applications for the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme? What were the respective numbers of applications? What were the respective numbers of approved and rejected cases? How long did the processing of an application take on average (from receipt of application to notification of the result)?
- (c) In 2015-16, will the Department enhance the administrative and technical support for the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) promotes the rehabilitation of fallow agricultural land through the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (the Scheme). AFCD identifies such farmland and brings the landowners and interested farmers together to work out a rental agreement for leasing out the land. The manpower and expenditure involved in operating the Scheme and the relevant statistics on the cases handled over the past four years are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Manpower	1	1	1	1
Expenditure (\$ million)	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
Number of new applications	62	38	51	44
Number of successful cases	17	9	14	12
Average waiting time for successful cases (year)	2.5	3.5	4	5

- (c) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue to liaise with landowners for leasing out fallow farmland, and provide farmers with technical advice and services to return the land to active production. The same level of manpower resources and related expenditure as that in 2014-15 will be allocated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)044

(Question Serial No. 0993)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government will amend the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B). Please advise on:

- (a) the number of prosecutions over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15), broken down by the reasons for prosecution; and
- (b) the expenditure and manpower involved in enforcing the above regulations over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15).

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

- (a) Relevant information about prosecutions made under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B) over the past four years is given below:

Calendar Year	Number of Prosecutions	
	Trading without a licence	Breaching licensing condition
2011	13	2
2012	6	0
2013	3	2
2014	5	1

- (b) The expenditure and manpower involved in the regulation of animal trading over the past four years are as follows:

Financial Year	Manpower	Expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12	23	7.4
2012-13	23	10.9
2013-14	22	9.9
2014-15 (revised estimate)	22	11.6

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)045

(Question Serial No. 0995)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

On the regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry, please inform:

- (a) the details, respective expenditure and manpower involved in the Government's regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15);
- (b) the details, estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the Government's regulation and technical services for the flower cultivation industry in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) provides technical services to all crop farmers including florists. The services include technical support in respect of cultivation techniques, control of plant pests and diseases and soil analysis as well as the lending of farm machinery and provision of loans. The resources deployed for providing these services over the past four years are tabulated below:

Financial Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (revised estimate)
Number of staff deployed	14	14	13	13
Expenditure (\$ million)	5.2	6.3	6.2	6.3

The manpower and expenditure involved in providing technical services to the flower cultivation industry is an integral part of the above provision and there is no separate breakdown for it.

- (b) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue to provide the above-mentioned services to crop farmers including florists, and a similar level of manpower resources and provision as that in 2014-15 will be allocated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)046

(Question Serial No. 0998)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesale of live chickens, please advise on:

- the annual total quantities and daily average quantities of imported and local live chickens, as well as the largest and the smallest daily wholesale quantities over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15);
- the monthly average prices, as well as the highest and the lowest monthly prices of imported and local live chickens over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15);
- the total expenditure on handling matters on import of live chickens (e.g. quarantine management, wholesale markets, etc.), the average expenditure on each chicken, as well as the manpower involved in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

- The statistics on the quantity of imported and local live chickens traded through the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) over the past four years are tabulated as follows:

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Quantity	Daily Average Quantity	Highest Daily Quantity	Lowest Daily Quantity
2011	Imported	2 468 800	6 764	10 900	3 700
	Local	3 759 163	10 299	53 655*	200#
2012	Imported	2 463 800	6 732	9 000	3 400
	Local	4 081 370	11 151	62 157*	3 900#

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Quantity	Daily Average Quantity	Highest Daily Quantity	Lowest Daily Quantity
2013	Imported	2 304 900	6 315	9 600	2 300
	Local	3 849 304	10 546	69 956*	2 000^
2014	Imported	912 300~	2 499	10 200	1 500
	Local	4 000 899	10 961	36 675@	4 100

* Chinese New Year Eve (2 February 2011, 22 January 2012 and 9 February 2013)

First day of Chinese New Year (3 February 2011 and 23 January 2012)

^ A day when Hong Kong was affected by typhoon (23 September 2013)

@ Winter Solstice (21 December 2014)

~ There was no supply of imported live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014.

(b) The statistics on the wholesale price of imported and local live chickens recorded in CSWTWPM over the past four years are tabulated as follows:

Calendar Year	Live Chicken	Monthly Average Wholesale Price (\$/kg)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	Imported	43.35*	39.17	28.87	27.88	27.70	29.03	26.77^	29.09	35.34	30.40	28.64	37.23
	Local	44.04*	41.45	27.49	26.56	26.44	28.54	25.81^	28.04	34.79	29.18	27.24	37.09
2012	Imported	34.11	29.45	33.90	37.00	33.61	30.24	27.89	26.94^	31.48	32.91	33.04	39.91*
	Local	32.89	28.00	32.60	35.67	32.21	28.95	26.52	25.50^	31.91	31.56	31.71	40.16*
2013	Imported	45.84	57.53*	37.99	27.60	23.33^	29.42	27.95	30.96	43.77	39.02	31.71	28.11
	Local	44.82	57.86*	36.62	25.75	22.28^	28.80	27.02	30.13	43.83	37.97	30.44	27.13
2014	Imported	23.83^	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	38.04	33.31	32.32	41.40*
	Local	24.01^	33.65	38.31	63.16	66.02*	51.69	42.06	51.10	46.07	35.06	33.90	44.46

* Highest monthly average price in the respective calendar year

^ Lowest monthly average price in the respective calendar year

There was no supply of imported live chickens from 28 January to 5 September 2014.

(c) In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure incurred by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on operating CSWTWPM is \$20.1 million. 18 staff are involved in this area of work. CSWTWPM handles the wholesale activities of all live poultry including those from local farms as well as registered farms in the Mainland. There is no separate breakdown in respect of imported live chickens.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)047

(Question Serial No. 0999)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In December 2014, the Government launched a consultation on the sustainable agricultural development. Please advise on:

- (a) the total expenditure and manpower of the Government for the consultation work on the sustainable agriculture development in 2014-15;
- (b) the expenditure and manpower in 2015-16 for the preparatory work, such as planning and research, for the sustainable agricultural development.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

- (a) The public consultation on the new agricultural policy is being conducted by the staff of the Food and Health Bureau and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department as part of their regular duties without incurring additional expenditure. About \$185,000 was spent on printing the consultation document.
- (b) The Government is currently consulting the public on its proposals. Upon completion of the consultation exercise on 31 March 2015, the Government will take into account the feedback received and further develop the proposals with a view to devising an implementation plan. Additional expenditure and manpower required for implementing the new policy, if needed, will be sought in accordance with the established procedure.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)048

(Question Serial No. 1000)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesaling of fish, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the annual total and daily average wholesale quantity, as well as the highest and lowest figures thereof for different kinds of marine fish (including Golden thread, Horse-heads, Yellow croakers, Big-eyes, Scads, Breams, Hair-tails, Mackerels, Croakers, Filefish, etc.) and freshwater fish (including Grass carp, Big head, Mud carp, etc.) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)?
- (b) What were the monthly average, the highest and lowest prices for different kinds of marine fish (including Golden thread, Horse-heads, Yellow croakers, Big-eyes, Scads, Breams, Hair-tails, Mackerels, Croakers, Filefish, etc.) and freshwater fish (including Grass carp, Big head, Mud carp, etc.) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)?
- (c) What is the Government's overall expenditure on handling matters relating to the wholesaling of fish, as well as the staff establishment involved, in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the quantity of freshwater fish traded through the government wholesale food markets over the past four years is shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of freshwater fish.

Calendar Year	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2011	49 466	136	213	38
2012	49 599	136	215	30
2013	51 625	141	198	31
2014	53 406	146	209	60

Information on the quantity of marine fish traded over the past four years (2011 to 2014) is shown in Annex A.

- (b) Information on the monthly value of freshwater fish traded through the government wholesale food markets over the past four years is shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of freshwater fish.

Calendar Year	Monthly average wholesale value (\$/tonne)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	20,555 [^]	21,112	21,242	21,858	22,777	23,402	24,457	25,355	25,421	25,866 [*]	25,278	24,878
2012	24,703	25,032	25,505	25,876 [*]	25,726	25,035	23,700 [^]	24,338	24,263	24,240	23,839	24,152
2013	24,275	23,686 [^]	24,447	24,466	24,188	24,834	24,908	24,824	25,246	25,549 [*]	25,042	24,962
2014	24,414 [^]	24,947	25,155	26,175	26,307	26,735	26,740	26,988	26,713	27,064 [*]	26,355	26,464

* Highest monthly average value in the respective calendar year

[^] Lowest monthly average value in the respective calendar year

The wholesale prices of marine fish over the past four years (2011 to 2014) are in Annex B.

- (c) The manpower and revised estimate of expenditure involved in the management of government wholesale food markets for the wholesaling of freshwater fish in 2014-15 are 11 staff and \$20.1 million respectively.

The wholesaling of marine fish is conducted at the wholesale fish markets operated by the Fish Marketing Organization (FMO). FMO is a self-financing and non-profit making statutory organisation. It is headed by the Director of Marketing, a position currently held by the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC). In discharging his duties as the Director of Marketing, DAFC is supported by Assistant Director (Fisheries), one Senior Fisheries Officer and one Fisheries Officer, who also take up other duties. The operation of FMO is carried out by its own staff with its own budget. The revised estimate of expenditure in 2014-15 in overseeing the administration of FMO is \$1.3 million.

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Wholesale quantity of marine fish over the past four years (2011 to 2014)

Calendar Year	Fish	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2011	Golden thread (紅衫)	3730.7	10.2	14.9	6.6
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	3033.5	8.3	11.4	4.5
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1651.3	4.5	5.4	3.0
	Big-eyes (木棉)	3223.1	8.8	12.7	5.1
	Scads (池魚)	1896.3	5.2	7.6	2.7
	Breams (立魚)	1247.2	3.4	4.6	2.4
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1027.8	2.8	3.6	1.7
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1041.2	2.9	4.2	1.5
	Croakers (或魚)	1306.9	3.6	4.9	2.7
2012	Golden thread (紅衫)	3740.5	10.2	12.1	7.7
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	3364.4	9.2	11.2	7.3
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1482.0	4.0	5.8	2.8
	Big-eyes (木棉)	3392.7	9.3	10.7	7.0
	Scads (池魚)	2123.3	5.8	8.6	3.3
	Breams (立魚)	1493.8	4.1	5.0	2.8
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1171.0	3.2	4.6	2.2
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1192.2	3.3	4.7	1.7
	Croakers (或魚)	1183.3	3.2	4.1	2.5
2013	Golden thread (紅衫)	3971.9	10.9	12.7	7.1
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	3854.9	10.6	12.5	7.3
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1855.0	5.1	5.8	3.9
	Big-eyes (木棉)	4050.0	11.1	13.6	7.1
	Scads (池魚)	1637.9	4.5	7.2	2.4
	Breams (立魚)	2130.0	5.8	6.9	4.5
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1289.5	3.5	4.7	2.4
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1281.8	3.5	4.4	2.3
	Croakers (或魚)	785.8	2.2	2.7	1.1

Calendar Year	Fish	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2014	Golden thread (紅衫)	3003.8	8.2	11.8	5.5
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	2663.7	7.3	9.8	5.4
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	1922.6	5.3	5.8	4.0
	Big-eyes (木棉)	2975.6	8.2	9.8	5.3
	Scads (池魚)	1457.4	4.0	6.0	2.4
	Breams (立魚)	1998.8	5.5	6.3	3.6
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	1585.2	4.3	5.7	3.3
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	1454.3	4.0	5.5	3.1
	Croakers (或魚)	741.0	2.0	2.5	1.4

- Data on Filefish are not readily available.

Monthly average wholesale price of marine fish over the past four years (2011 to 2014)

Calendar Year	Fish	Monthly average wholesale price (\$/kg)											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	Golden thread (紅衫)	38.99	38.55	33.34	32.83	31.31	35.86	37.67	37.81	37.24	44.37	42.32	43.35
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	37.69	37.43	31.86	32.64	31.14	32.71	35.51	34.93	34.72	39.73	37.28	41.87
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	74.71	62.37	66.84	86.99	70.18	49.26	50.15	51.7	58.38	70.51	66.2	63.55
	Big-eyes (木棉)	41.79	43.77	43.05	41.76	41.81	45.31	43	43.69	44.48	45.76	46.53	48.52
	Scads (池魚)	9.3	10.41	10.93	9.34	9.8	10.13	11.15	9.86	10.28	13.63	13.55	13.1
	Breams (立魚)	54.75	61.5	55.29	55.18	55.73	49.38	50.87	52.06	51.26	56.8	58.64	59.38
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	22.89	27.34	26.75	28.05	27.96	26.32	22.43	25.53	27.9	29.77	31.15	30.97
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	42.1	43.6	41.76	41.36	40.91	38.18	43.84	41.84	53.96	47.86	46.55	48.12
	Croakers (或魚)	15.63	15.95	15.33	17.17	15.66	15.91	19.43	18.53	16.76	17.33	18.19	18.11
2012	Golden thread (紅衫)	46.54	46.09	43.72	39.77	38.6	46.94	46	43.14	40.85	42.47	44.68	48.32
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	42.55	43.9	41.5	36.1	36.09	37.63	36.72	35.81	36.33	37.48	38.47	40.32
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	62.75	64.94	68.07	63.91	60.08	65.84	74.81	72.01	72.76	81.4	84.86	74.32
	Big-eyes (木棉)	50.58	47.71	46.78	45.36	47.95	51.25	49.56	46.69	49.74	52.29	45.82	49.16
	Scads (池魚)	13.74	14.52	12.78	13.17	11.96	14.47	13.16	11.53	12.09	13.81	13.44	14.07
	Breams (立魚)	60.86	58.96	58.54	62.87	63.84	58.4	54.09	52.29	48.64	55.3	57.2	56.58
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	31.11	33.4	33.11	32.57	32.91	28.97	27.58	28.87	31.3	31.74	31.65	31.56
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	49.91	52.67	53.31	53.9	51.61	46.52	47.78	42.52	43.06	50.03	51.19	53.56
	Croakers (或魚)	18.49	18.55	18.16	17.35	17.16	17.46	21.77	18.1	16.13	17.07	17.62	22.15
2013	Golden thread (紅衫)	48.33	49.02	49.54	45.59	42.16	50.44	51.29	50.13	48	52.68	55.64	55.25
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	41.39	43.12	42.19	39.31	39.1	42.26	43.35	40.67	38.62	47.95	45.68	41.02
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	77.23	73.67	69.6	72.35	60.65	66.7	69.9	67.19	66.67	79.89	79.55	79.59
	Big-eyes (木棉)	50.66	53.81	54.35	51.32	50.62	56.31	61.3	59.13	53.57	60.7	53.6	52.2
	Scads (池魚)	15.15	14.83	12.97	15.04	15.26	15.47	8.95	15.75	14.19	14.47	14.62	16.97
	Breams (立魚)	57.91	58.8	59.76	58.51	57.62	60.72	61.6	55.49	54.27	59.93	61.73	59.67
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	34.15	36.98	36.35	33.87	35.86	38.89	39	37.32	35.32	35.76	36.49	35.47
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	56.39	59.06	57.63	53.01	55.15	58.13	56.18	53.91	54.52	55.79	56.01	58.99
	Croakers (或魚)	21.08	19.67	19.08	19.8	18.34	24.72	20.38	20.52	18.24	19.9	19.63	20.98

Calendar Year	Fish	Monthly average wholesale price (\$/kg)											
2014	Golden thread (紅衫)	57.47	59.96	54.47	48.97	49.83	54.39	56.29	52.56	49.76	51.01	54.46	63.26
	Horse-heads (馬頭)	47.26	48.8	41.32	39.43	38.72	41.24	42.78	42.44	42.09	41.47	43.34	48.64
	Yellow croakers (黃花)	77.71	76.3	83.84	80.79	75.87	71.13	71.38	70.15	63.21	66.8	78.03	78.4
	Big-eyes (木棉)	56.45	57.9	56.26	54.14	57.21	58.15	59.25	52.56	47.26	53.74	58.89	60.5
	Scads (池魚)	17.87	20.23	17.8	17.94	17.83	20.92	20.36	16.81	14.09	14.74	16.31	18.96
	Breams (立魚)	63.28	73.25	73.8	74.43	77.22	75.99	75.67	65.32	59.78	69.81	69.87	72.22
	Hair-tails (牙帶)	35.43	41.77	38.76	38.67	38.91	44.71	45.95	42.98	39.77	38.49	37.53	36.57
	Mackerels (鮫魚)	59.46	65.81	60.47	61.04	59.2	59.66	61.18	55.02	51.09	57.2	58.71	61.72
	Croakers (或魚)	22.13	24.57	20.12	19.61	22.64	23.28	23.31	23.46	22.99	21.83	22.86	22.77

- Data on Filefish are not readily available.
- The highest and lowest monthly wholesale prices of marine fish are not readily available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)049

(Question Serial No. 1001)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesaling of vegetables, please advise on the following:

- (a) What were the annual total and daily average wholesale quantity, as well as the highest and lowest figures thereof for different kinds of vegetables (including flowering cabbage, water cress, white cabbage, broccoli, Chinese lettuce, green cabbage, chrysanthemum garland, tomato, Chinese kale, pea shoot, European celery, potato and spinach etc.) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)?
- (b) What were the monthly average, the highest and lowest value for different kinds of vegetables (including flowering cabbage, water cress, white cabbage, broccoli, Chinese lettuce, green cabbage, chrysanthemum garland, tomato, Chinese kale, pea shoot, European celery, potato and spinach etc.) over the past four years (2011-12 to 2014-15)?
- (c) What is the Government's overall expenditure on handling matters relating to the wholesaling of vegetables in 2014-15? What is the staff establishment involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

- (a) The quantity of vegetables is kept on a calendar year basis. The annual total quantity, the daily average quantity, the highest and the lowest daily quantity of vegetables transacted through the government wholesale food markets over the past four years are shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of vegetables.

Year	Total quantity (tonnes)	Daily average quantity (tonnes)	Highest daily quantity (tonnes)	Lowest daily quantity (tonnes)
2011	274 556	752	950	91
2012	274 453	750	936	108
2013	260 383	713	959	150
2014	256 171	702	871	76

- (b) The wholesale value of vegetables is kept on a calendar year basis. The monthly average value, the highest and the lowest monthly average value for vegetables wholesaled through the government wholesale food markets over the past four years are shown below. We do not have breakdown on the figures for different kinds of vegetables.

Year	Monthly average wholesale value (\$/tonne)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	9,407	8,205^	9,452	8,850	9,139	8,824	8,612	9,139	9,675	10,373*	9,829	9,905
2012	9,452^	9,684	10,976	10,521	12,081*	9,578	9,835	10,586	10,562	9,960	9,996	11,511
2013	11,614	10,160	10,101^	13,953*	11,004	10,729	11,177	11,891	12,536	10,793	11,229	11,251
2014	11,200	11,882	11,818	12,699*	11,292	12,109	11,567	9,462^	9,617	9,812	10,072	9,623

* Highest monthly value ^ Lowest monthly value

- (c) The manpower and revised estimate of expenditure in 2014-15 involved in the management of government wholesale food markets for the wholesaling of vegetables are 15 staff and \$26.9 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)050

(Question Serial No. 1003)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

From the end of December 2014 to January 2015, the Government activated the Ta Kwu Ling Checkpoint after some live poultry imported from the Mainland were tested positive for avian influenza virus during a sampling test. Regarding this, please advise:

- (a) the total and daily average numbers of the various types of poultry handled during the operation of the Checkpoint;
- (b) the expenditure and manpower of the Government for the Checkpoint.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

- (a) The Ta Kwu Ling Check-point was activated for the first time from 10 to 21 January 2015. During the said period, a total of 59 610 local live chickens were distributed through the Check-point. This translates into a daily average of 4 968 chickens.
- (b) 11 staff were deployed from the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market to man the Check-point. A total of around \$442,000 was spent on hiring of cleansing and security services for the Check-point during that period.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)051

(Question Serial No. 1007)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Please set out the numbers, sizes and distribution of pig farms and chicken farms currently in operation, as well as the licensed rearing capacity of each farm.
- (b) Please set out the numbers, sizes and distribution of crop farms and marine fish culture farms currently in operation.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

- (a) As of 31 December 2014, the number of licensed pig farms and chicken farms is 43 and 29 respectively. The licensed area, licensed rearing capacity and distribution of these farms are shown in the attached tables.
- (b) According to the latest available data, there are about 2 400 crop farms (including vegetables, field crops, flowers and fruit trees cultivation) with a total cultivated area of about 711 hectares. These farms are mainly located in the Yuen Long District and North District. As regards the marine fish culture farms, there are 968 licensed farms covering a total sea area of 284 466 m². They are distributed in the 26 designated Fish Culture Zones¹.

¹ The 26 Fish Culture Zones are located at Sha Tau Kok, Ap Chau, Kat O, O Pui Tong, Sai Lau Kong, Wong Wan, Tap Mun, Kau Lau Wan, Sham Wan, Lo Fu Wat, Yung Shue Au, Leung Shuen Wan, Tiu Cham Wan, Tai Tau Chau, Kai Lung Wan, Kau Sai, Ma Nam Wat, Po Toi O, Po Toi, Sok Ku Wan, Lo Tik Wan, Ma Wan, Yim Tin Tsai, Cheung Sha Wan, Yim Tin Tsai (East) and Tung Lung Chau.

Area, rearing capacity and distribution of licensed livestock farms (as at 31.12.2014)

Pig Farm

	Licensed Area (m²)	Licensed Capacity (Nos.)	District
1	691.19	500	North
2	1 611.16	950	North
3	2 407.85	2 000	North
4	4 953.09	4 000	North
5	557.91	800	North
6	1 280.91	600	North
7	4 248.04	3 000	Yuen Long
8	388.79	350	Sai Kung
9	706.90	1 000	Yuen Long
10	1 142.90	600	Yuen Long
11	5 085.70	1 500	Yuen Long
12	3 130.14	1 500	Yuen Long
13	938.49	850	Yuen Long
14	1 864.27	600	Yuen Long
15	3 015.53	2 000	Yuen Long
16	3 914.32	3 000	Yuen Long
17	2 640.33	2 600	Yuen Long
18	2 601.06	2 000	Yuen Long
19	2 146.27	1 600	Yuen Long
20	384.65	300	Yuen Long
21	2 220.09	1 000	Yuen Long
22	1 725.58	1 900	Yuen Long
23	838.59	1 500	Yuen Long
24	1 709.24	1 500	Yuen Long

	Licensed Area (m²)	Licensed Capacity (Nos.)	District
25	1 612.44	1 000	Yuen Long
26	2 960.03	3 500	Yuen Long
27	1 327.53	1 000	Yuen Long
28	2 614.85	2 000	Yuen Long
29	3 699.22	1 800	Yuen Long
30	6 345.66	6 000	Yuen Long
31	4 524.78	2 600	Yuen Long
32	3 955.47	2 500	Yuen Long
33	1 374.87	1 200	Yuen Long
34	1 239.02	1 500	North
35	2 860.03	1 500	Yuen Long
36	556.96	250	North
37	1 392.30	1 990	Yuen Long
38	626.82	450	Yuen Long
39	1 923.26	1 500	Yuen Long
40	7 108.62	4 000	Yuen Long
41	4 106.13	3 000	Yuen Long
42	3 205.77	2 000	Yuen Long
43	1 180.97	1 200	Yuen Long
Total:	102 817.73	74 640	

Chicken Farm

	Licensed Area (m²)	Licensed Capacity (Nos.)	District
1	433.41	10 000	Tuen Mun
2	708.10	18 000	North
3	2 597.37	50 000	Yuen Long
4	387.23	10 000	Yuen Long
5	648.36	20 000	Yuen Long
6	723.86	19 900	Yuen Long
7	569.30	25 000	Yuen Long
8	682.16	19 000	Yuen Long
9	3 372.57	35 000	Yuen Long
10	775.26	20 000	Yuen Long
11	1 336.34	39 000	Yuen Long
12	2 004.75	41 000	Yuen Long
13	4 518.98	48 000	North
14	4 604.03	102 000	Yuen Long
15	3 226.20	108 000	Yuen Long
16	948.17	18 000	Yuen Long
17	3 163.24	70 000	Yuen Long
18	2 944.67	62 800	Yuen Long
19	1 757.95	38 500	North
20	1 642.53	46 000	Yuen Long
21	10 454.52	162 300	Yuen Long
22	4 831.83	80 000	Yuen Long
23	1 563.39	48 000	Yuen Long

	Licensed Area (m²)	Licensed Capacity (Nos.)	District
24	1 137.70	48 000	Yuen Long
25	873.34	27 000	North
26	1 610.01	26 000	Yuen Long
27	1 655.73	36 000	Yuen Long
28	1 250.84	42 000	Yuen Long
29	1 067.54	31 000	Yuen Long
Total:	61 489.38	1 300 500	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)052

(Question Serial No. 1009)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding matters on the inspection of animals and plants imported into Hong Kong, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please set out the number and species of non-quarantined animals and plants that were imported illegally for sale over the past three years (i.e. 2012-13 to 2014-15). How were these animals and plants imported?
- (b) Has the Government devised any measures to step up its efforts against the illegal import of non-quarantined animals and plants for sale?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 26)

Reply:

- (a) The number of illegally imported animals and plants seized by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) over the past three years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Dogs		Cats		Poultry/Birds		Other Animals [#]		Plants	
	Airport	Boundary Control Points	Airport	Boundary Control Points	Airport	Boundary Control Points	Airport	Boundary Control Points	Airport	Boundary Control Points
2012	0	8	0	2	60	8	301	35	2 414	0
2013	1	9	0	4	3	6	6 215	32	5 838	181
2014	0	8	0	4	29	590	5 975	28	763	0

[#] including reptiles and small mammals

- (b) In 2015-16, AFCD will make continued efforts to tackle illegal importation of animals and plants into Hong Kong. The Quarantine Detector Dog Team will carry out more operations against illegal import of animals at various boundary control points and the Hong Kong International Airport. In addition, AFCD will step up the collection of intelligence from other relevant Government departments and work closely with them in combating the smuggling of animals and plants. Continuous education and publicity efforts will also be made to raise public awareness of the quarantine requirements placed on animals and plants imported into Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)053

(Question Serial No. 1010)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the development of organic farming, please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the Government's plan in terms of technical support, standard certification and sales promotion for organic farming in 2015-16? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) Since the introduction of the Organic Farming Conversion Scheme in late 2000 up to now, what are the number, distribution, farming area, production quantity and value of local organic farms? What is the percentage in the total number of farms?
- (c) In view of the great variety of organic food labels found in the market, consumers can hardly verify the authenticity of food products claimed to be organic. Has the Government examined the introduction of specific legislation to regulate the production, certification and labelling of organic food so as to safeguard the interest of consumers?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

- (a) In 2014-15, 15 staff are deployed on promoting organic farming and the marketing of organic produce. The expenditure involved is about \$5.9 million. In 2015-16, a similar level of manpower and expenditure will be provided. Relevant work planned for 2015-16 includes continued provision of technical assistance to local farmers under the Organic Farming Support Service Scheme, joint efforts with the Vegetable Marketing Organization and the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies in promoting the production and marketing of local organic produce, as well

as giving support to the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre for the promotion of organic education and certification.

- (b) As at February 2015, 250 farms with a total area of about 97 hectares participated in the Organic Farming Support Service Scheme (OFSS) operated by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, producing about 5.5 tonnes of organic produce each day. The number of organic farms accounted for about 13% of all local vegetable farms. They concentrated mostly in Ng Ka Tsuen, Tai Kong Po, Ping Che, Fanling, Pat Heung, Sheung Shui and Tai Po.
- (c) The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) has commissioned a consultancy study on organic food to assess whether, and if so, how the production and sale of organic food in Hong Kong should be regulated as well as how to enhance consumer education and information about organic food. The study findings were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in February 2013. Noting the very small market size of the local organic food sector and the primary focus of the Government on food safety and stable food supply, the consultant considered that a legislative approach to regulate organic food might not be a proportional measure. The local organic food sector considered the legislative approach too cumbersome, resulting in negative impacts on producers, traders and consumers, ultimately hindering the development of the organic food sector. Taking into account expansiveness in other jurisdictions, the consultant considered there was no pressing need in Hong Kong to regulate domestic production and sale of organic food given the small local production. Nor was the concern about imported organic food considered pressing, given that they were largely sold in reputable supermarkets or specialist stores where there were minimal false claims. In view of the consultant's recommendations, FHB would not consider enacting a new piece of legislation on organic food at this stage.

To safeguard the interest of consumers, FHB accepts the consultant's suggestion to step up efforts in raising public awareness about organic food through dissemination of information to organic producers, traders, students and consumers, etc. via a wide range of channels. FHB also shares the consultant's recommendation that the existing administrative measures such as further promoting organic certification schemes, streamlining the certification procedures and promulgating a reporting mechanism of food fraud should be strengthened. Through these measures, the Government can enrich consumers' knowledge of organic food.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)054

(Question Serial No. 1012)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Government please provide the following information:

- (a) What is the respective number of reports received by the Department each year in 2012-13 to 2014-15 regarding the discovery of bird carcasses?
- (b) What is the respective number of bird carcasses collected by the Department and samples of such carcasses tested in 2012-13 to 2014-15, as well as the results of such tests?
- (c) It is noted that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has provided public service on collection of sick wild birds or wild bird carcasses. Does the Government have any plan to promote such service among building caretakers, school janitors and staff at elderly homes, who are likely to come into contact with wild bird carcasses, and to remind them to report to the AFCD on the discovery of such carcasses?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

- (a) The number of reports received regarding the discovery of bird carcasses over the past three years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Number of reports received
2012	17 844
2013	18 368
2014	13 619

- (b) The number of bird carcasses collected and tested, and the test results, over the past three years are as follows:

Calendar Year	Number of bird carcasses collected	Number of bird carcasses tested	Number of carcasses tested positive for H5N1
2012	15 486	8 097	22
2013	15 218	8 766	1
2014	11 204	6 834	0

- (c) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been publicising to the general public the service on collection of sick wild birds or wild bird carcasses. This is done through various channels, including broadcasting of Announcements of Public Interests on television and radio, dissemination of educational leaflets and posting the relevant information on AFCD's website.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)055

(Question Serial No. 2330)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicator,

- (a) the target of accredited vegetable farms in area increased from 2 759 hectares in 2013 to 3 414 hectares in 2015. Please advise on the sources of the 655 hectares of land, the locations of such land and their original land uses;
- (b) the composite productivity index of vegetables, however, was lowered from 16 300 tonnes in 2013 to 15 500 tonnes in 2015 and the throughput at Vegetable Marketing Organization market also reduced from 137 288 tonnes in 2013 to 129 000 tonnes in 2015. What are the reasons for the reduction in production instead of a corresponding increase with the agricultural land?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 201)

Reply:

- (a) Farms eligible to join the Accredited Farm Scheme (the Scheme) include both local and Mainland vegetable farms set up by Hong Kong farmers. The anticipated increase in the area of accredited farms is mainly due to an estimated increase of 652 hectares of farmland in the Mainland and 3 hectares of farmland in Hong Kong to be accredited in 2015.
- (b) The Composite Productivity Index (CPI) is an index that indicates the efficiency of local livestock and crop production (but excluding non-food production like floriculture). The CPI was 149 in 2014. The figures of 16 300 tonnes and 15 500 tonnes referred to local vegetable production in weight. The reduction in local vegetable production in 2014 as compared with that in 2013 was mainly due to bad weather. There were two black rainstorms and one typhoon event in 2014 that had

seriously damaged vegetable production (in respect of which recourse to the Emergency Relief Fund was called for to give emergency support to affected farmers). Bad weather had also affected the farmlands in the Mainland that are supplying vegetables to Hong Kong. In the summer of 2014, there had been a lot of rainfall in Ningxia Yinchuan (寧夏銀川) which is a major source of leafy vegetables to Hong Kong. The cold and rainy weather in Guangdong Province during the winter time also dampened the supply of vegetables marketed through the Vegetable Marketing Organization.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)056

(Question Serial No. 2339)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets,
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme implemented by the Government last year (2014-15), please provide information on:

- (a) the details of annual expenditure on implementing the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme, including the departmental manpower and expenditure involved; the number of applications for agricultural land rehabilitation, participating land owners, cases of successful matching, as well as the area of land involved in each case;
- (b) the number of new applicants for agricultural land rehabilitation, the cumulative number of applicants on the waiting list and the area of land involved;
- (c) the number of cases of successful matching, the details of area of land and rentals involved in each case as well as the average and the longest waiting time; and
- (d) whether the Government puts in place any measures to increase the chance of successful matching and reduce the waiting time for agricultural land rehabilitation.

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

- (a) - (c) The manpower deployed and expenditure involved in operating the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (the Scheme) and the relevant statistics on the cases handled in 2014 are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	2014
Manpower	1
Expenditure (\$ million)	0.9
Number of landowners participating in the Scheme	13
Number of successful cases	12
Farmlands successfully leased out (hectare)	2.6
Farm sizes for successful cases (d.c.*) / average (d.c.*)	0.5-11.7 / 3.2
Rent per d.c.* per year for successful cases	\$300-\$7,000
Longest waiting time for successful cases (year) / average waiting time (year)	9 / 5
Number of new applications / land area involved (hectare)	44 / 8.9
Cumulative number of waiting cases as at end of that year/ land area involved (hectare)	278 / 72.6

*1 d.c. (dau chung) is equivalent to 7260 square feet

- (d) Agricultural land is mainly in private hands and it is up to the landowners to decide whether to lease their land for agricultural purposes. In 2015-16, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will continue to liaise with landowners for leasing out fallow farmland, and provide farmers with technical advice and services to return fallow land to active production. The same level of manpower resources and related expenditure as that in 2014-15 will be allocated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)057

(Question Serial No. 0259)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department is responsible for providing vocational training for local fishermen. What are the expenditure and staff establishment in this regard for the coming year? Will there be any outsourced training? If yes, what will be the total expenditure on the outsourced training?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has earmarked a provision of six staff and \$6 million in 2015-16 for providing vocational training for local fishermen. About \$2 million is set aside for outsourced training.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)058

(Question Serial No. 0260)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the introduction of modern technology and practices to local farmers and fishermen to facilitate their efficient production, is the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department currently working in partnership with local universities or research institutions to conduct studies in this respect? If yes, what is the expenditure involved for the coming year? If not, will there be any expenditure earmarked for the study of collaborating with local institutions?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department mainly conducts adaptive studies and introduces modern technology and practices to local farmers and fishermen in-house without collaboration with local universities or research institutions. Hence no expenditure has been involved or earmarked for engaging local universities or research institutions in conducting such studies. At present, universities and research institutions may apply for funding under the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund for carrying out projects and research conducive to the sustainable development of the local fisheries industry. On the agricultural side, proposals underpinning the New Agricultural Policy include the promulgation of a Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund (SADF). We believe that there is good potential for joint efforts in future as it is anticipated that eligible applicants for the SADF, if implemented, will include tertiary and research institutions, non-profit making agricultural industry associations, trade unions, agricultural co-operative societies, individual farmers as well as entrepreneurs pioneering agricultural production in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)059

(Question Serial No. 0261)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the legislation to ban trawling and better regulate fishing activities in Hong Kong waters, what is the staff establishment concerned? How many vessels are engaged in patrolling these waters? What is the total expenditure involved for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) deploys 18 staff and three vessels for the implementation of the legislation to ban trawling and better regulate the fishing activities in Hong Kong waters. \$13.1 million has been earmarked for the purpose in 2015-16.

There are other AFCD vessels deployed for the implementation of the Marine Parks Ordinance. If staff manning these vessels detect any illegal fishing activities, they would alert the relevant officers for enforcement action. AFCD also maintains close liaison with the Marine Regional Headquarters of the Hong Kong Police Force and the concerned Marine Police Districts, exchanging information and intelligence on illegal trawling and undertaking joint law enforcement operations to combat illegal fishing activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)060

(Question Serial No. 1215)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 under Programme (3) that “strengthening measures for stray animals management, including facilitating the implementation of the trap-neuter-return trial programme for stray dogs”. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (a) How many resources and manpower have been earmarked by the Department for the implementation of the trap-neuter-return trial programme for stray dogs in Yuen Long and outlying islands? What is the progress of this programme?
- (b) How many resources and manpower have been earmarked by the Department for handling stray cattle?
- (c) Will the Department conduct any data survey to update the number and distribution of stray cattle in 2015-16?
- (d) The AFCD has studied the feasibility of sterilising cattle chemically with the use of a contraceptive drug. What is the progress of this programme?
- (e) Will the Department implement any new programme or measures regarding handling of stray cattle in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

- (a) The Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and the Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice 2014 have commenced operation in January 2015 to enable two animal welfare organisations (AWOs) to implement the “Trap-Neuter-Return” (TNR) trial programme for stray dogs in Cheung Chau and Yuen Long. Whilst the implementation cost of the TNR trial programme will be

borne by the two AWOs, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has commissioned a consultant to conduct a baseline survey on the number of dogs at the two trial sites, monitor the implementation of the trial programme, and assess the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and related nuisance in the trial sites. In 2015-16, \$1.5 million and two staff have been allocated for this area of work.

- (b) In 2015-16, \$4.4 million and four staff have been earmarked for the management of stray cattle.
- (c) The last territory-wide survey on the population and distribution of stray cattle in Hong Kong was conducted in 2012. As it is only necessary to conduct such comprehensive surveys every 4-5 years to monitor the long-term changes in cattle population, AFCD has no plan to carry out a similar survey in 2015-16. Nevertheless, we will continue to collect relevant information to assess the effectiveness of the existing cattle management measures.
- (d) AFCD has been studying the feasibility of sterilising cattle chemically with the use of a contraceptive drug called Gonacon. The study will be conducted in two phases. The first phase involving the testing of the drug in captive cattle was completed in 2014. The results indicate that the drug yielded an approximately 70% success rate in sterilising the cattle. The second phase, which is a field trial involving testing of the drug in free-roaming cattle and buffalo, will be carried out in 2015. We expect that the whole study would be completed in 2016.
- (e) Under the multi-pronged approach adopted for managing stray cattle, continuous efforts are made by AFCD to explore new and enhanced measures that will help minimise the nuisance caused by stray cattle while safeguarding animal welfare. Apart from implementing the “Capture-Sterilisation-Relocation” Programme for stray cattle (under which there is a “Capture-Sterilisation-Translocation” pilot scheme conducted in Sai Kung and Lantau), we will continue to study the feasibility of chemical sterilization of cattle with the use of Gonacon which, if proved feasible, will enable sterilizing cattle even in remote areas and without the need for surgical operation. In addition, we will continue to liaise closely with the District Councils, rural committees, local communities of the districts concerned and AWOs to explore other measures such as installing cattle grids to confine the stray cattle to a particular location or to prevent them from roaming into a particular area.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)061

(Question Serial No. 2392)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the details of the Department's work and expenditure on the euthanasia of animals (including the details of the types and dosage of the drugs used in euthanasia of various animals, as well as the expenditure involved) and the "trap-neuter-vaccinate-return" trial scheme respectively over the past three years. What is the Department's respective estimated expenditure on the euthanasia of animals and the "trap-neuter-vaccinate-return" trial scheme in 2015-16? If there is a change, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

Euthanasia of Animals

The expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13	1.5
2013-14	1.6
2014-15 (revised estimate)	1.4

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has, in recent years, strengthened its efforts on various fronts to protect animal welfare, such as the promotion of responsible pet ownership and animal re-homing as well as taking enforcement action against abandonment of animals by irresponsible owners. Partly as a result of such efforts, the number of animals euthanised has been on a declining trend in recent years. While it is

expected that such a trend will continue in the coming year, the provision earmarked for this area of work in 2015-16 is the same as the revised estimate for 2014-15, taking into account the anticipated increase in cost.

“Trap-Neuter-Return” (TNR) Trial Programme for Stray Dogs

In 2012, the original proposal of implementing the TNR trial programme for stray dogs in the three potential sites in Yuen Long, Sai Kung and on Lamma Island encountered objections from the respective District Councils and local communities. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in collaboration with the two animal welfare organisations (AWOs) concerned, have since identified three alternative potential sites, one in Yuen Long and two in Cheung Chau, and consulted the local community and the respective District Councils on the proposed trial programme. While there is no negative feedback on the Yuen Long trial site, objection has been received from the local community near one of the Cheung Chau trial sites. In this connection, the AWO concerned had removed one of the trial sites in Cheung Chau to address the concerns from nearby residents.

The Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and the Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice 2014 have commenced operation in January 2015 to enable the two animal welfare organisations (AWOs) above to implement the TNR trial programme in Cheung Chau and Yuen Long. Whilst the implementation cost of the TNR trial programme will be borne by the two AWOs, AFCD has commissioned a consultant to conduct a baseline survey on the number of dogs at the two trial sites, monitor the implementation of the trial programme, and assess the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and related nuisance in the trial sites.

The expenditure in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and the revised estimate in 2014-15 involved in pursuing the TNR trial programme is around \$1.0 million on average for each financial year. In 2015-16, \$1.5 million and two staff have been allocated for this area of work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)062

(Question Serial No. 2393)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the details of the work and the expenditure of the inter-departmental special working group (working group) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) over the past three years? What is the estimated expenditure of the working group in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

In 2011, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in conjunction with the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong), set up an inter-departmental special working group (working group) to enhance co-operation in handling animal cruelty cases. Over the past three years, members of the working group worked closely with and rendered mutual support to each other in handling animal cruelty cases. Regular meetings were held to discuss the handling of such cases, share information and experience, and devise and review guidelines to improve efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, with a view to ensuring the protection of animal welfare. Various training courses were organised to enhance the knowledge of frontline staff in animal welfare and their skills in handling and investigating animal cruelty cases. Moreover, the working group kept in view the level of penalty handed down by the court in convicted cases in relation to animal cruelty such that prompt recommendations could be made to the Department of Justice for review if and when the penalty imposed by the court was considered too lenient.

The work of the working group forms part of AFCD's on-going efforts in combating cruelty to animals and in promoting animal welfare. The relevant departments/parties have made use of existing resources to carry out the work arising from the working group.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)063

(Question Serial No. 2394)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the details and overall expenditure on the Department's work in catching community animals over the past five years? What was the establishment of staff catching community animals? Was there any outsourced staff involved? What was the overall expenditure on salaries? Please also set out the numbers of the various types of animals caught by the Department (with a breakdown by the channels through which they were received) and the numbers of the various types of animals euthanised over the past five years. What is the estimated expenditure on the Department's work in catching community animals in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) provides animal management services to the public through four animal management centres (AMCs). The expenditure involved in the management of stray animals including catching operations over the past five years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	21.3
2011-12	22.0
2012-13	25.6
2013-14	27.1
2014-15 (revised estimate)	29.2

All stray animals catching operations are carried out by the staff of AMCs without outsourcing. Of the \$29.2 million spent in 2014-15 on the management of stray animals including catching operations, \$21.3 million is staff cost. The staff establishment of each AMC is as follows:

Financial Year 2014-15	New Territories North AMC	New Territories South AMC	Kowloon AMC	Hong Kong AMC
Veterinary Officer	1	1	1	1
Field Officers	12	9	14	10
Frontline staff	42	25	31	28
Total	55	35	46	39

The number and species of stray animals caught, given up by owners, received through other channels by AFCD and the number and species of animals reclaimed by the owners, rehomed and euthanised over the past five years are at **Annex**.

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for the management of stray animals, including catching operations, is \$29.2 million.

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Annex

Calendar Year	Stray Animals Caught			Animals Given Up by Owners			Animals Received through Other Channels			Animal Reclaimed			Animals Rehomed			Animals Euthanised		
	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Dogs	Cats	Others*
2010	6 519	3 907	411	2 345	204	68	1 689	204	31	1 964	805	45	789	119	32	7 420	3 047	482
2011	5 800	3 557	331	2 403	244	107	1 445	267	956	1 517	738	474	852	205	87	6 561	2 422	649
2012	4 722	3 027	260	2 009	248	85	1 131	98	1 276	1 292	707	348	666	145	89	5 675	1 950	1 160
2013	4 626	2 866	444	1 871	222	105	1 271	136	1 001	1 379	779	315	770	206	116	5 353	1 861	1 015
2014	3 676	1 836	1 374	1 464	132	28	809	78	656	1 235	576	253	679	212	75	3 868	1 039	1 594

* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rats), pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)064

(Question Serial No. 2395)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The amount of subventions for “animal welfare organisations” under the Operating Account is estimated to be \$500,000 in the coming year and the revised estimate was lower than that of the original by \$500,000 last year. What are the reasons? Which organisations have received the subventions? What are the criteria for selecting organisations to receive the subventions? What are the specific uses of the subventions? Has the Department conducted any review on the effectiveness of such subventions? Is yes, what are the outcomes? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been collaborating with animal welfare organisations (AWOs) to enhance animal welfare and promote better animal management. Starting from 2011-12, a provision of \$1 million has been earmarked in each financial year for providing subvention to AWOs to facilitate their implementation of relevant programmes. AFCD has since been monitoring the implementation of the subvention scheme. While all the applications have been fully or partly approved in accordance with a set of guidelines and criteria, the total amount of subvention issued to the AWOs concerned annually has been about \$0.5 million on average since the inception of the scheme. As such, AFCD has adjusted the provision earmarked for the subvention to \$0.5 million in 2015-16 with reference to available empirical data. We will closely monitor the situation and adjust the provision for the subvention in future as necessary with a view to providing suitable assistance to AWOs in carrying out programmes and activities conducive to enhancing animal welfare and promoting better animal management.

Since the inception of the subvention scheme, a total of 22 applications have been received from 8 AWOs. These AWOs include the Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation, Hong Kong Dog Rescue, Hong Kong Puppies Rescue, Lifelong Animal Protection Charity,

Sai Kung Stray Friends, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong), Society for Abandoned Animals and Hong Kong Rabbit Society. All the applications have been fully or partly approved. The total amount of subvention approved is \$2,541,600. Activities that have received subvention include the establishment of a new animal rehoming centre, installation of dog houses and renovation of facilities in existing rehoming centres, provision of desexing service and medical treatment to animals including those to be rehomed, as well as organising education and publicity activities to promote rehoming of animals and responsible pet ownership.

AFCDD has been monitoring the implementation of the subvention scheme and revised the eligibility criteria in 2013-14 to cover all AWOs in Hong Kong. Each application is considered on its own merits. Document review and audit inspections are conducted to monitor the implementation and assess the outcome of individual subvented programmes. The results of all subvented programmes are found to be satisfactory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)065

(Question Serial No. 2396)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the details and expenditure on the work related to the enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance over the past three years (including the types of animals involved in the cases, number of persons arrested, number of prosecutions instituted and details of the penalties, etc.)? Would the Government consider increasing the penalties under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance to enhance the deterrent effect?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is one of the departments involved in the enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) (the Ordinance). The on-going work carried out by AFCD in this respect includes (a) inspection of the relevant premises and facilities including pet shops, animal boarding premises, riding schools, animal exhibition venues, etc. to ensure compliance with the relevant animal welfare standards; (b) gathering intelligence on suspected animal cruelty or abuse activities; and (c) conducting investigation of animal cruelty reports/complaints and taking prosecution actions.

In 2011, AFCD, in conjunction with the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) (SPCA), set up an inter-departmental special working group (working group) to enhance co-operation in handling animal cruelty cases. Over the past three years, members of the working group worked closely with and rendered mutual support to each other in handling animal cruelty cases. Regular meetings were held to discuss the handling of such cases, share information and experience, and devise and review guidelines to improve efficiency in the detection and prevention of animal cruelty cases, with a view to ensuring the protection of animal welfare. Various training courses were organised to enhance the knowledge of frontline staff in animal welfare and their skills in

handling and investigating animal cruelty cases. Moreover, the working group kept in view the level of penalty handed down by the court in convicted cases in relation to animal cruelty such that prompt recommendations could be made to the Department of Justice for review if and when the penalty imposed by the court was considered by the working group as being too lenient.

Furthermore, AFCD has been actively involved in the “Animal Watch Scheme” launched by the Police since 2011 to strengthen co-operation among the Police, AFCD, SPCA and other stakeholders in the investigation of cases involving cruelty to animals. Specifically, AFCD provides expert veterinary advice necessary for the investigation and carries out post-mortem examination to find out the cause of death including whether the animals have been cruelly treated.

The expenditure involved in the above-mentioned work related to the enforcement of the Ordinance over the past three years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13	2.1
2013-14	1.7
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	2.2

Details of successful prosecution cases handled by AFCD under the Ordinance over the past three years are as follows:

Calendar Year	Type of Animal Involved	Number of Successful Prosecution Cases	Number of Persons Convicted	Heaviest Penalties Awarded	
				Fine	Imprisonment
2012	Birds and reptiles	5	5	\$4,000	6 weeks
2013	Birds and reptiles	2	2	\$500	3 months
2014	Reptiles	3	3	\$20,000	2 months

The penalty was last revised in 2006 and was raised, by a significant margin, from a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for six months. At present, the maximum penalty under the Ordinance is a fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for three years. We have no plan to raise the penalty in the foreseeable future. The level of penalty imposed by the court is generally higher than what it used to be before the penalty provisions in the Ordinance were amended. The heaviest sentence handed down so far is imprisonment for sixteen months.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)066

(Question Serial No. 2402)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What was the Department's expenditure on animal traps, as well as the types and numbers of animals caught with animal traps, over the past five years? What are the types and number of animal traps kept by the Department? What is the Department's estimated expenditure on animal traps in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The types and number of animals caught with animal traps by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) over the past five years are as follows:

Calendar Year	Types of animals caught with animal traps			
	Dogs	Cats	Pigeons	Wild monkey
2010	1 462	2 672	107	1 070
2011	1 049	2 469	128	996
2012	734	2 439	69	1 073
2013	787	2 264	139	784
2014	505	1 406	238	558

The expenditure involved in purchasing and maintenance of animal traps is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	0.10
2011-12	0.38
2012-13	0.38
2013-14	0.12
2014-15 (revised estimate)	0.32
2015-16 (estimate)	0.05

At present, AFCD has a total of 236 cage traps for catching dogs and cats, 70 snares for catching dogs, 45 cage traps for catching feral pigeons, 14 snares and 43 cage traps for catching wild monkeys.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)067

(Question Serial No. 2403)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the Department's expenditures on the control of imports of animal skin and fur products and the details over the past five years? Would the Department step up monitoring on trading in respect of animal skin and fur products, such as introduction of certification scheme for identifying places of origin of skin and fur products, requiring that all skin and fur products imported and for trading in the market must bear labels indicating whether the skin and fur used are genuine (and the types of animals) or counterfeit? Would the Department consider imposing heavier penalties on the Rabies Regulation, the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance and other relevant ordinances with a view to deterring the illegal import of animal skin and fur products into Hong Kong and trading in the market?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

Imports of animal skin and fur products are mainly regulated for the prevention and control of rabies and protection of endangered species through enforcing the Rabies Regulation (Cap. 421A) (the Regulation) and the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) (the Ordinance). Offenders found guilty of breaching the Regulation are liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and to imprisonment for one year. Offenders found guilty of breaching the Ordinance are liable to a maximum fine of \$5,000,000 and to imprisonment for two years. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been carrying out inspection and quarantine operations at various boundary control points as well as the Hong Kong International Airport to deter illegal imports of animal products controlled under the Regulation and the Ordinance. We consider that the existing control regime and level of penalty under the Regulation and the Ordinance offer sufficient deterrence against such illegal activities. AFCD has no plan to propose any legislative changes.

The expenditure spent on controlling the import of live animals and animal products under the Regulation and the Ordinance over the past five years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2010-11	12.0
2011-12	12.4
2012-13	12.6
2013-14	14.4
2014-15 (revised estimate)	16.5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)068

(Question Serial No. 2735)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (609) Minor irrigation works in the New Territories (block vote)

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide details of the minor irrigation works in the New Territories to be carried out in 2015 and the amount of expenditure involved in respect of various projects.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The minor irrigation works to be carried out in 2015-16 mainly include (a) provision of temporary water pumping services for irrigation facilities at various locations in the New Territories; and (b) minor repair and maintenance of the existing irrigation facilities under the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's purview. In 2015-16, a provision of \$1 million has been earmarked for such works projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)069****(Question Serial No. 0096)**

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department stated that the number of non-directorate posts will be increased by 20 to 2 073 posts as at 31 March 2016. Please inform this Council of the nature of work, ranks and salaries of these new posts.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

The information sought is provided in the table below:

Ranks	Nature of Work	Annual expenditure on salaries
Fisheries Supervisor II (1 post) Field Assistant (1 post)	To strengthen enforcement against illegal fishing activities	\$0.5 million
Agricultural Officer (1 post) Field Officer II (1 post)	To promote the safe and proper use of pesticides	\$0.8 million
Field Officer II (5 posts) Senior Field Assistant (1 post) Field Assistant (1 post) Motor Driver (1 post)	To enhance animal welfare and animal management services	\$1.9 million
Field Officer II (1 post) Field Assistant (4 posts)	To enhance management and control of monkey nuisances	\$1.1 million
Field Officer II (1 post) Field Assistant (5 posts)	To strengthen patrol and law enforcement in the Hong Kong Global Geopark of China	\$1.3 million
Total:		\$5.6 million*

* This amount will be partly offset by saving in salaries of \$0.7 million per annum resulting from the deletion of 3 time-limited posts in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)070

(Question Serial No. 0110)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding stray animals caught, please advise on the following:

- (a) The respective numbers of cats and dogs caught in total over the past three years;
- (b) In general, are catching operations launched upon receipt of complaints or reports from the public? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons; and
- (c) The respective numbers of stray animals caught which were euthanised over the past three years.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (a) The number of stray dogs and cats caught by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) over the past three years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Stray Dogs Caught	Stray Cats Caught
2012	4 722	3 027
2013	4 626	2 866
2014	3 676	1 836

- (b) In general, upon receipt of complaints or reports from members of the public regarding nuisances caused by stray animals, the Animal Management Centres (AMCs) of AFCD will conduct follow up inspections and arrange catching operations as

necessary. Stray dogs and cats caught will usually be kept at the AMCs for at least four days pending retrieval by their owners. Unclaimed dogs and cats will be passed to animal welfare organisations (AWOs) for rehoming if they are found to be healthy and of an acceptable temperament. Animals that are assessed to be unsuitable for rehoming due to health or temperamental reasons, or cannot be rehomed by AWOs, will be euthanised.

- (c) The number of stray animals caught which were euthanised over the past three years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Stray Animals Caught				Stray Animals Caught which were Euthanised			
	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Total	Dogs	Cats	Others*	Total
2012	4 722	3 027	260	8 009	3 744	1 761	172	5 677
2013	4 626	2 866	444	7 936	3 506	1 699	184	5 389
2014	3 676	1 836	1 374	6 886	2 406	939	895	4 240

* Including small mammals (rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rats), pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)071

(Question Serial No. 3031)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Regarding the subventions received by animal welfare organisations, the original provision of \$1 million in 2014-15 was reduced to the revised provision of \$500,000. What are the reasons for that?
- (b) Please set out the names of the animal welfare organisations receiving the subventions and the amounts of subventions they received in 2014-15.
- (c) In making use of the subventions, are these animal welfare organisations under the supervision of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department? If yes, what are the details of such supervision?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been collaborating with animal welfare organisations (AWOs) in its efforts to enhance animal welfare and promote better animal management. Starting from 2011-12, a provision of \$1 million has been earmarked in each financial year for providing subvention to AWOs to facilitate their implementation of relevant programmes. AFCD has since been monitoring the implementation of the subvention scheme. While all the applications have been fully or partly approved in accordance with a set of guidelines and criteria, the total amount of subvention issued to the AWOs concerned annually has been about \$0.5 million on average since the inception of the scheme. As such, AFCD has adjusted the provision earmarked for the subvention to \$0.5 million in 2015-16 with reference to available empirical data. We will closely monitor the situation and adjust the provision for the subvention in future as necessary with a view to providing suitable assistance to AWOs in carrying out programmes and

activities conducive to enhancing animal welfare and promoting better animal management.

- (b) In 2014-15, a total of 6 AWOs (listed below) have received subventions. The amount of subvention involved is as follows:

Organisation	Amount of subvention Issued (\$)
Hong Kong Society of Herpetology Foundation	84,339
Hong Kong Dog Rescue	150,000
Lifelong Animal Protection Charity	120,000
Hong Kong Rabbit Society	44,835
Sai Kung Stray Friends	35,000
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	13,200
Total	447,374

- (c) AFCD has conducted document review and audit inspections to monitor the implementation and assess the outcome of individual subvented programmes. The results of all subvented programmes are found to be satisfactory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)072

(Question Serial No. 3032)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) What is the total number of farms where food animals are kept at present? What is the staff establishment involved for the inspections? How many inspections were carried out during 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively?
- (b) What is the total number of premises and establishments where animals are kept for exhibition or trading purposes at present? What is the staff establishment involved for the inspections? How many inspections were carried out during 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively? Is there any change to the staff establishment in 2015-16? If yes, what are the details?
- (c) What is the total number of marine fish culture farms at present? What is the staff establishment involved for the inspections? How many inspections were carried out during 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

- (a) At present, there are 72 licensed livestock farms including 43 pig farms and 29 chicken farms. A total of 44 staff (comprising three professional grade staff and 41 technical grade/field staff) are involved in the inspection of these farms. The number of inspections carried out in 2013 and 2014 was 4 472 and 4 331 respectively.
- (b) At present, there are 488 licensed animal exhibition establishments and animal trading premises. A total of 19 staff (comprising one professional grade staff and 18 technical grade/field staff) are involved in the inspection of these establishments and premises. The number of inspections carried out in 2013 and 2014 was 5 809 and 6 003 respectively. The staff establishment involved in this work in 2015-16 will remain the same.

- (c) At present, there are 968 licensed marine fish culture farms. A total of 19 staff (comprising one professional grade staff and 18 technical grade/field staff) are involved in the inspection of these farms. The number of inspections carried out in 2013 and 2014 was 6 522 and 6 712 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)073

(Question Serial No. 3065)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) Please provide the respective numbers of fishermen switched to sustainable fisheries operations in 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- (b) Are there any statistics on the age distribution of these fishermen? If yes, what is the distribution in detail?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been assisting fishermen to switch to sustainable fisheries operations through the provision of training, technical and financial support. Fishermen and relevant organisations may seek funding from the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund set up in 2014 for carrying out projects and research that are conducive to the sustainable development of the local fisheries industry. It is up to individual fishermen to decide whether they would switch to other modes of operation. AFCD does not keep statistics on the number and age distribution of the fishermen who have switched to sustainable fisheries operations.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)074

(Question Serial No. 3066)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) In assisting the rolling out of the Trap-Neuter-Return trial programme, what were the revised expenditure in 2013-14 and the estimated expenditure in 2014-15? What were the numbers of stray dogs involved in each trial site?
- (b) What are the details of the work in strengthening the promotion of animal welfare and the details of the legislative work? What were the revised expenditure in 2013-14 and the estimated expenditure in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

- (a) Whilst the implementation cost of the "Trap-Neuter-Return" (TNR) trial programme for stray dogs will be borne by the two animal welfare organisations (AWOs), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has commissioned a consultant to conduct a baseline survey on the number of dogs at the two trial sites, monitor the implementation of the trial programme, and assess the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and related nuisance in the trial sites. The expenditure involved in assisting the two AWOs concerned in rolling out the TNR trial programme in 2013-14 was \$1.1 million and the revised estimate for the same task in 2014-15 is \$1.2 million. According to available data, there are around 40 strays dogs involved in each of the two trial sites in Yuen Long and Cheung Chau respectively.
- (b) In recent years, AFCD has been strengthening its efforts in animal management and promotion of animal welfare through a number of new and enhanced measures. These measures include (i) implementing an enhanced public education and publicity programme and enhancing AFCD's website to promote responsible pet ownership and proper care of animals, advise against the abandonment and needless surrendering of

pets, and champion the need for dog licensing and rabies vaccination as well as the benefits of neutering; (ii) assisting the AWOs concerned in rolling out the TNR trial programme for stray dogs; (iii) pursuing proposals to better regulate pet trading and breeding of dogs for sale through the proposed amendments to the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139B) (the Regulations); (iv) devising codes of practices for the proper trading, breeding and keeping of pets and other animals; (v) taking enforcement action against pet owners and traders in contravention of relevant legislation; (vi) improving the handling of reports or complaints on cruelty to animals through the inter-departmental special working group comprising representatives of the relevant government departments and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong); (vii) strengthening collaboration with, and providing technical and financial support to, AWOs in re-homing of animals and carrying out activities relating to animal welfare and management; and (viii) implementing a long term strategy for the management of stray cattle in collaboration with relevant AWOs and local communities.

As regards the legislative measures, we have completed the preparation of exemption notices necessary for the implementation of the TNR trial programme for stray dogs. The Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and the Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice have commenced operation in January 2015 to enable two AWOs to implement the TNR trial programme in Cheung Chau and Yuen Long. Regarding the proposals to better regulate pet trading and breeding of dogs for sale through legislative amendment, the key proposals include (i) introducing a new system of licence/permit to tighten the regulation of dog breeders and traders; (ii) increasing the penalties under the relevant Regulations; and (iii) empowering the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation to revoke animal trader licences under specific circumstances. After the completion of a series of public consultation and stakeholder engagement exercises, and securing no objection from the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of Legislative Council (LegCo) on the proposals, we are now in the process of preparing the amendment regulation, and aim to table it at LegCo within 2015.

The revised expenditure involved in respect of animal management and promotion of animal welfare in 2013-14 was \$35.6 million and the revised estimate for the same task in 2014-15 is \$39.6 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)075

(Question Serial No. 3249)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (a) In 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively, how many animal traps were procured by the Department in total? What were the actual, revised and estimated expenditures involved?
- (b) At present, how many animal traps have been set up by the Department over the territory? Please provide the specific locations of the traps to be set up in 2015.
- (c) In 2014, how many animals were injured by the animal traps set up by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department that needed to be amputated or euthanised?
- (d) Has there been any review conducted on the feasibility of removing these animal traps? If yes, what are the staff establishment and the estimated expenditure for the removal work in 2015-16? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

- (a) The number of animal traps purchased/to be purchased and the expenditure involved in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows:

Financial Year	Number of Animal Traps Purchased/to be Purchased	Expenditure (\$ million)
2013-14	43	0.10
2014-15 (revised estimate)	6	0.30
2015-16 (estimate)	0	0.00

- (b) In general, upon receipt of complaints or reports from members of the public regarding nuisance caused by stray animals (mostly dogs and cats) and pigeons, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) will conduct follow-up inspections and arrange catching operations using suitable methods including setting up animal traps as necessary. As such, there is no specific location at which the animal traps are set up. Also, all the traps deployed would be retrieved immediately upon completion of the catching operation.

As regards wild monkeys, AFCD set up three large monkey cage traps at the Kam Shan Country Park and another three at the Lion Rock Country Park to trap wild monkeys for the contraceptive/neutering programme in March 2015. Traps would also be deployed in various locations upon reports of nuisance caused by wild monkeys. Such locations include Sha Tin, Wong Tai Sin, Kwai Tsing, Tsuen Wan, Sai Kung and Kwun Tong.

- (c) There is no record of animals caught with animal traps set up by AFCD having sustained traps-induced injury that led to their being amputated or euthanised.
- (d) All the animal traps including snares and cage traps used by AFCD are specially designed or carefully selected to ensure that they are safe to animals. Use of the animal traps deployed is subject to close monitoring. The traps will be retrieved immediately upon completion of the catching operations. We do not have any plan to stop using animal traps.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)076

(Question Serial No. 2632)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the provision of infrastructural support to local farmers mentioned in this Programme, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The number of requests for assistance in identifying agricultural land or building agricultural structures received by the Department, and the number of cases referred to the Lands Department in 2014-15.
- (b) The number of cases of assistance successfully rendered in identifying agricultural land for rehabilitation, and the area of agricultural land for rehabilitation involved in 2014-15.
- (c) Was any statistical work on the area of agricultural land in each of 18 districts performed over the past year? If yes, what was the area of land for agricultural uses according to the Department's records, broken down by 18 districts?
- (d) If the work mentioned in (c) was not performed, will the Department perform such work in 2015-16? If yes, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of applications for erecting agricultural structures and for leasing agricultural land under the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (the Scheme) and related statistics in 2014 are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	Number of Applications for Erection of Agricultural Structures	Application for Leasing Agricultural Land under the Scheme		
		Number of New Applications	Number of Successful Cases	Area of Farmland leased out through the Scheme (hectare)
2014	22	44	12	2.6

- (c) The area of land under agricultural use according to the records of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) in the 18 districts of Hong Kong in 2014 is tabulated below:

Districts	Area under Agricultural Use (hectare)
Central & Western	0
Wan Chai	0
Eastern	0
Southern	4
Yau Tsim Mong	0
Sham Shui Po	0
Kowloon City	0
Wong Tai Sin	0
Kwun Tong	0
Tsuen Wan	20
Tuen Mun	68
Yuen Long	222
Kwai Tsing	2
Islands	35
North	266
Tai Po	67
Sai Kung	20
Sha Tin	7
Total:	711

- (d) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue to conduct surveys on agricultural land use. The same level of manpower resources and related expenditure as that in 2014-15 will be allocated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)077

(Question Serial No. 1330)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Vegetable Marketing Organization publishes A Guide to Hong Kong Leisure Farms annually since 2011. Would the Government please advise on the following:

- (a) What are the numbers of visitors to leisure farms per annum over the past three years? What are the changes in such numbers?
- (b) What publicity and promotional activities are conducted over the past three years in promoting leisure farms in Hong Kong? What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) In 2015-16, will there be any plans to promote leisure farming tourism in collaboration with other departments? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

- (a) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) does not keep statistics of the number of visitors to leisure farms in Hong Kong.
- (b) Over the past three years, AFCD has been promoting leisure farming through (i) publication and distribution of promotion materials such as "A Guide to Hong Kong Leisure Farms" which is updated annually, and a leaflet on Tai Po Leisure Farms; (ii) organising seminars and study visits for the public and the farming industry; (iii) launching an interactive webpage on leisure farms in Hong Kong (http://fedvmcs.org/farm_index.php); and (iv) development of a new mobile application "Hong Kong Leisure Farms" with a theme of agro-tourism. The publicity and promotional activities were funded by the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) and the total expenditure involved in the past three years was \$2.4 million, with an average of \$0.8 million per year.

- (c) In 2015-16, AFCD will continue to promote leisure farming through similar publicity and promotional activities as mentioned above and collaborate with relevant departments and interested parties where necessary. This area of work will continue to be funded by VMO and the estimated expenditure involved is \$0.8 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)078

(Question Serial No. 1331)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The trade may apply for grants under the new Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund to explore new fisheries-related eco-tourism tour routes so as to develop recreational fisheries tourism. Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

How many applications for development of recreational fisheries tourism have been received since the establishment of the Fund? What is the number of successful cases? How much have been granted?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) is open to applications since July 2014. Up to end February 2015, a total of 15 applications have been received. Two of them are related to the development of recreational fisheries tourism. The SFDF Advisory Committee has been set up to tender advice to the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation on the overall strategy for funding projects and the relative priorities of applications for funding support under SFDF. The Advisory Committee is processing applications received with a view to approving the first batch of applications within the first half of 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)079

(Question Serial No. 1332)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding promotion of recreational fisheries, would the Administration please advise on the following:

- (a) The numbers of fisheries-related eco-tourism tours organised and the turnout figures in 2014-15.
- (b) In 2015-16, how much provision will be earmarked by the Administration in developing recreational fisheries tourism? How many recreational fisheries tours will be planned and what is the target number of participants attracted to recreational fisheries tourism activities? What promotional activities will be conducted to promote recreational fisheries?

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

- (a) In 2014-15, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department organised 54 fisheries-related eco-tours under a pilot scheme implemented in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, with a total of 1 564 participants.
- (b) The pilot scheme has been completed and hence no expenditure has been earmarked in 2015-16. Fishermen and other relevant organisations may seek funding from the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund for developing and promoting fisheries-related eco-tourism.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)080

(Question Serial No. 0041)

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Statutory Testing

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr. LAU Chau-ming)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What was the expenditure of the Food Safety Laboratory in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15? What is the current staff establishment? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The expenditure of the Food Safety Laboratory (FSL) under the Government Laboratory was \$33 million in 2012-13 and \$44 million in 2013-14. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$32 million. The current staff establishment of FSL consists of 33 professional and technical officers. The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$34 million with no change in staff establishment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)081****(Question Serial No. 0042)**Head: (48) Government LaboratorySubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Statutory TestingControlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr. LAU Chau-ming)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With respect to the outsourcing of some of the routine food testing work to private laboratories, please provide the following information:

- the scope of food testing and the number of samples outsourced in 2013-14 and those expected to be outsourced in 2014-15 and 2015-16, as well as the respective ratio of outsourcing;
- the expenditure incurred in 2013-14 and the respective estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2014-15 and 2015-16 for the outsourcing of food testing; and
- the manpower and expenditure involved for supervising and spot-checking the outsourcing work in 2013-14 and the estimated manpower and expenditure for such purposes in 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 45)Reply:

- (a) The scope and numbers of samples outsourced in 2013-14 and the estimated numbers for 2014-15 and 2015-16 as well as the respective ratios of outsourcing are provided in the table below:

Financial year	Number of food tests (number of samples involved)	Outsourced Food Tests / Government Laboratory's Routine Food Testing Work	Scope of outsourcing
2013-14	119 000 (13 300 samples)	70%	preservatives, sulphur dioxide boric acid, propionic acid, nitrate and nitrite, colouring matter, trace metals, pesticide residues, veterinary drug residues, other food contaminants
2014-15 (estimated)	120 000 (14 300 samples)	70%	- ditto -

Financial year	Number of food tests (number of samples involved)	Outsourced Food Tests / Government Laboratory's Routine Food Testing Work	Scope of outsourcing
2015-16 (estimated)	123 000 (15 700 samples)	70%	- ditto -

(b) The expenditure on outsourcing of food testing incurred in 2013-14 was \$12 million. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$12 million and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$12.5 million.

(c) The Outsourcing Management Section was established in 2009-10 to perform outsourcing related activities including contract management and monitoring the performance of the contract laboratories. The Section consists of seven professional and technical staff with annual expenditure of \$4.8 million for 2013-14 and estimated expenditures of \$5.0 million and \$5.2 million for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)082****(Question Serial No. 0044)**Head: (48) Government LaboratorySubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Statutory TestingControlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr. LAU Chau-ming)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

What is the respective number of food samples tested for regulatory compliance in each of the past two years (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14) and the anticipated number for 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 47)Reply:

The number of food tests (with the corresponding numbers of food samples in brackets) for regulatory compliance purposes conducted by the Government Laboratory in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and the estimated number for 2014-15 to 2016-17 are as follows:

2012-13 (actual)	2013-14 (actual)	2014-15 (revised estimate)	2015-16 (estimated)	2016-2017 (estimated)
189 421 tests (27 987 samples)	200 354 tests (30 483 samples)	193 000 tests (31 000 samples)	182 000 tests (30 000 samples)	182 000 tests (30 000 samples)

Note: The number of food tests already conducted comprises both tests carried out on a day-to-day basis according to a risk management approach and tests conducted pursuant to ad hoc issues such as local and international incidents relating to food safety. The estimated number of food tests to be conducted in the future reflects only the former category, as the latter category is by nature unforeseen.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)083

(Question Serial No. 3048)

Head: (48) Government Laboratory

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Statutory Testing

Controlling Officer: Government Chemist (Dr. LAU Chau-ming)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. The number of the tests performed on food complaint samples has substantially dropped by 4 333 in 2014 as compared with 2013. What are the reasons?
2. With respect to the outsourcing of testing work to food testing laboratories, how many food testing laboratories undertook outsourced testing work in 2014-15 and how many samples were tested? What percentage do these samples represent in the total number of food samples for routine testing?
3. Regarding the food containing heavy metals and various types of additives, how many food samples were tested in 2013-14 and 2014-15? Please provide a breakdown by year of the number of samples exceeding the limit.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

1. The decrease in the number of tests by 4 333 in 2014 as compared with 2013 was due to the decrease in test requests related to food complaint cases submitted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.
2. In 2014-15, there are 5 private laboratories undertaking the outsourced food testing work; the number of food tests (number of samples involved) outsourced is estimated to be 120 000 (14 300 samples), accounting for about 70% of the routine food testing work.
3. The number of samples tested for presence of heavy metals in 2013 and 2014 were 3 709 and 4 205; and the number of unsatisfactory samples were seven and eight respectively.

The number of samples tested for presence of food additives (including preservatives, colouring matters and sweeteners) in 2013 and 2014 were 7 930 and 7 806; and the number of unsatisfactory samples were 15 and 23 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)084

(Question Serial No. 2381)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is indicated under this programme that in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the estimated 11 168 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 will rise by three posts to 11 171 posts as at 31 March 2016. Please advise on the types and job nature of these new posts. At the same time, there are 15 directorate posts in the Department. Please advise this Committee on the types of the 15 directorate posts, as well as their salaries, allowances and job nature; and the types of the 11 168 non-directorate permanent posts, as well as their number, salaries, allowances and job nature.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

There will be a net increase of three posts in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in 2015-16. Information on the job nature and type of all the posts proposed to be created in 2015-16 is given below –

Job nature	Grades
Administrative support for expediting food safety standard-setting work and provision of environmental hygiene related services	Executive Officer Clerical Officer Clerical Assistant
Professional and administrative support for the implementation of municipal solid waste charging; and regulation of private columbaria	Health Inspector Executive Officer Clerical Officer
Technical support for enhancing information technology services to the public	Analyst/Programmer
Enforcement against shop front extensions	Hawker Control Officer Workman I

The 15 directorate posts in the Department are at the ranks of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A; Controller, Centre for Food Safety; Administrative Officer Staff Grade B; Consultant; Assistant Director of Health; Assistant Director of Municipal Services; Senior Principal Executive Officer; Chief Treasury Accountant; Principal Executive Officer; and Principal Medical and Health Officer. The directorate posts are responsible for planning and directing the implementation of policies and the provision of services under the Department's purview, i.e. food safety and public health, environmental hygiene and related services, market management and hawker control, and public education and community involvement. In 2014-15, the total annual salaries and allowances of the 15 directorate posts (revised estimate) is around \$29.6 million.

Of the 11 168 non-directorate posts in the Department, 3 529 posts are departmental grades, viz. Health Inspectorate, Hawker Control Officer, Pest Control Officer and Pest Control Assistant; 199 posts are professional and technical grades in the Centre for Food Safety, such as Field Officer, Medical and Health Officer, Scientific Officer (Medical) and Veterinary Officer; and 7 440 posts are general and common grades providing supporting services. The 11 168 non-directorate posts provide public and supporting services under the Department's purview. In 2014-15, the total annual salaries and allowances of the 11 168 non-directorate posts (revised estimate) is around \$2,908.6 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)085

(Question Serial No. 1657)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number and sources of animal carcasses collected from the refuse collection points of the Department over the past five years with a breakdown by type of animals.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The total number of animal carcasses collected from the refuse collection points of the Department over the past five years, as deposited by members of the public, is 43 707. The breakdown by year and type of animals is as follows –

Year	Dogs	Cats	Others ^[Note]	Total
2010	6 412	2 996	148	9 556
2011	6 236	2 494	156	8 886
2012	7 273	3 470	159	10 902
2013	5 132	2 434	70	7 636
2014	4 385	2 292	50	6 727
Total	29 438	13 686	583	43 707

Note : "Others" include snakes, monkeys, rabbits, civets, porcupines, hamsters, wild pigs and pigs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)086

(Question Serial No. 1658)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the number of cremations in Hong Kong under Programme (2), please advise on the average waiting time for cremation service, as well as the number of cremation sessions at various government crematoria, in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

At present, it is the pledge of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) that an applicant can be offered a cremation session at one of the government crematoria within the next 15 days from the date an application is made. This performance pledge has been met over the past five years. We do not have information showing the average waiting time for booking cremation service. The number of cremation sessions released and the number of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Department in the past five years (2010 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Crematorium	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	No. of cremation sessions									
	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked	Released	Booked
Cape Collinson	14 679	13 937	14 514	13 640	14 308	13 496	7 992	7 844	7 798	7 789
Diamond Hill	9 197	9 131	9 048	8 943	8 839	8 807	8 499	8 439	8 480	8 466
Fu Shan	7 393	7 346	7 090	7 058	7 901	7 879	6 948	6 800	6 897	6 885
Kwai Chung	7 485	7 455	8 193	8 143	9 202	9 152	8 265	8 250	7 331	7 325
Cheung Chau	1 536	137	2 086	132	2 067	160	1 728	164	1 321	168
Wo Hop Shek ^{Note}	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 539	7 417	10 635	10 611
Total:	40 290	38 006	40 931	37 916	42 317	39 494	40 971	38 914	42 462	41 244

Note: Closed in June 2009 for reprovisioning and reopened in February 2013

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)087

(Question Serial No. 2016)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the following:

- (a) the manpower and expenditure involved in developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets in each of the past three years; and
- (b) while it is stated that the Department will “take action to close the public markets which are under-utilised”, whether it has considered and explored the possibility of revitalising and transforming these markets; if yes, the manpower and expenditure involved and the details of such efforts made each year; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look into a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant district councils etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. The Government Property Agency may be requested to assist in identifying other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use. If the premises is by itself a stand-alone building, the Planning Department or the Lands Department may be involved in exploring the long term alternative use of the premises.

In the past three years, one market, viz. Bridges Street Market (the Market) was closed due to consistently high vacancy rate. The Market has been included into the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under which non-profit-making non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals to revitalise government owned historic buildings. Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and district councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

Closure of public markets is only one of the options to deal with under-utilised markets. As an on-going initiative, the Department conducts promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

Furthermore, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department carries out improvement works in relevant markets to enhance their operating environment. The works may include improvement to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services, signage, replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access.

The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed and market promotional activities pursued in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$million)	Expenditure on market promotional activities (\$million)
2012-13	5.1	4
2013-14	22.2	4
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9.5	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)088****(Question Serial No. 1643)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and liquor licences granted in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The number of liquor licence applications received and liquor licences granted in each of the past 5 years is provided as follows -

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total number of liquor licence applications received (including new issue, renewal, transfer and amendment applications)	7 071	7 274	7 789	8 179	8 630
Total number of liquor licences granted ^(Note)	6 424	6 395	6 781	6 807	7 488

Note: Only newly issued or renewed licences are counted.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)089

(Question Serial No. 0685)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicators for various types of hawkers, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fixed pitch hawkers, itinerant hawkers and registered hawker assistants, as well as the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers, in the past three years (i.e. from 2012 to 2014), with a breakdown by district and trade category;
- (b) the number of hawker licences surrendered under the assistance scheme for hawker licensees since the implementation of the scheme in June 2013 and the expenditure involved; and
- (c) now that the assistance scheme has been implemented for almost two years, whether the Department will conduct a mid-term review of the scheme and consider re-issuing the surrendered hawker licences for application by interested parties; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) As at 28 February 2015, we have, under the five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), approved 369 applications for ex-gratia payment in return for voluntary surrender of fixed-pitch hawker licence. The ex-gratia payment involved was \$44.28 million.
- (c) The Government is monitoring closely the implementation of the relocation plans under the Scheme, including whether there would be a large number of vacant pitches

after completion of the relocation programme, thus affecting the business ambience of these hawker areas. The five-year scheme will end in 2018. While completion of the Scheme by then would be an opportune time to review whether we should issue new licences for on-street hawker pitches, the Government will keep in view the actual progress made in implementing the Scheme for the purpose of deciding when best we should conduct the review.

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**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2012)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowloon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	14	9	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
	Bootblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	32	30	6	11	26	20	24	16	0	6	7	31	0	1	226
	Newspaper	75	52	48	4	128	26	29	16	48	16	21	8	18	8	7	3	3	1	511
	Tradesman	90	15	17	0	56	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	186
	Wall Stall	30	15	18	14	143	60	32	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	336
	Other Classes	447	375	379	33	2 551	1 020	56	0	64*	0	39	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 967
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	39									33									72
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	186									195									381
Registered Hawker Assistant		571	577	356	45	2 154	896	59	42	219	27	53	22	24	17	15	32	3	3	5 115
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers		158	140	128	28	355	279	61	23	131	87	21	51	33	79	22	24	24	29	1 691 [#] (1 673+18)

*Excluding 48 temporary hawker licenses at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar.

[#]The figure includes 18 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2013)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowlo on City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Licence	Barber	2	3	2	1	13	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
	Boothblack	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	3	33	28	6	11	24	21	20	10	0	4	7	30	0	1	211
	Newspaper	72	50	44	4	123	26	25	16	42	14	20	8	17	7	7	2	3	1	481
	Tradesman	86	15	16	0	55	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	180
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	139	59	29	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325
	Other Classes	426	368	340	32	2 443	984	53	0	0*	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 741
Itinerant Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									32									70
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	177									191									368
Registered Hawker Assistant	610	602	397	48	2 261	1 032	61	42	227	26	124	23	24	17	16	33	3	3	5 549	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	148	36	131	44	256	248	62	21	119	75	18	50	27	78	20	57	13	20	1 463 [#] (1 423+40)	

*Excluding 112 temporary hawker licenses at Hip Wo Street Hawker Bazaar and Mut Wah Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar, where the hawkers will be resited to Tung Yan Street Interim Hawker Bazaar.

[#]The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

**No. of Licensed Fixed Pitch and Itinerant Hawkers, Registered Assistant and Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers
(Position as at 31.12.2014)**

		Hong Kong Island & Kowloon									New Territories & Islands									Total
		Central/ Western	Wan Chai	Eastern	Southern	Yau Tsim Mong	Sham Shui Po	Kowl- oon City	Wong Tai Sin	Kwun Tong	Kwai Tsing	Tsuen Wan	Tuen Mun	Yuen Long	North	Tai Po	Sha Tin	Sai Kung	Islands	
Fixed Pitch Hawker Licence	Barber	2	3	1	1	12	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
	Bootblack	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Cooked Food/Light Refreshment	10	3	0	2	33	25	6	7	24	20	20	10	0	4	7	26	0	1	198
	Newspaper	68	48	41	4	116	25	24	14	40	14	20	8	16	7	7	1	3	1	457
	Tradesman	87	14	16	0	53	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	176
	Wall Stall	29	15	18	14	137	58	28	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	321
	Other Classes	410	359	320	31	2 363	960	53	0	125	0	92	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4 716
Itinerant Hawker Licence	Frozen Confectionary	38									31									69
	Mobile Van	9									6									15
	Newspaper	2									0									2
	Other Classes	170									186									356
Registered Hawker Assistant	568	517	365	46	2 141	1 042	102	36	190	21	134	23	23	17	14	30	3	3	5 275	
Estimated No. of Unlicensed Hawkers	148	27	130	41	302	281	63	36	56	69	9	54	40	79	33	47	10	15	1 480 [#] (1 440+40)	

[#]The figure includes 40 unlicensed hawkers in housing estates as provided by Housing Department.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)090

(Question Serial No. 0686)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised.” In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the current utilisation rate of each public market in the territory; the definition of “under-utilised”; the criteria for setting the defined standard;
- (b) the uses of the premises concerned after closure of these public markets and the estimated expenditure involved; and
- (c) whether the Department will consider changing the uses of these public markets or stalls and re-letting them to other market traders or small business operators; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduce patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look at a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works, and the views of the relevant district councils etc.
- (b) Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), the vacated building space will

be handled according to established procedures. The Government Property Agency may be requested to assist in identifying other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use. If the premises is by itself a stand-alone building, the Planning Department or the Lands Department may be involved in exploring the long term alternative use of the premises.

- (c) In the past three years, one market, viz. Bridges Street Market (the Market) was closed due to consistently high vacancy rate. The Market has been included into the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under which non-profit-making non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals to revitalise government owned historic buildings. Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and district councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

Closure of public markets is only one of the options to deal with under-utilised markets. As an on-going initiative, the Department conducts promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduced more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

Furthermore, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department carries out improvement works in relevant markets to enhance their operating environment. The works may include improvement to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services, signage, replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access.

The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed and market promotional activities pursued in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$million)	Expenditure on market promotional activities (\$million)
2012-13	5.1	4
2013-14	22.2	4
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9.5	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)091

(Question Serial No. 0717)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3), it is stated that the Department will continue to take forward the assistance scheme to improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas in the coming year. Please provide information on the following:

1. the number of hawkers who have submitted applications under the above scheme in the current year; among them, the number of hawkers who have applied for relocation cum reconstruction grant and in-situ reconstruction grant respectively, and the number of hawkers who have opted for voluntary surrender of their hawker licences to the Government; the number of hawkers who had their applications approved, as well as the amount of grants and ex-gratia payments approved, under the above scheme in the current year;
2. the number of hawkers who have not submitted applications under the scheme as at February 2015; whether the Department will enhance promotion among the hawkers who have not submitted applications under the scheme in the coming year; if yes, the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure to be involved; if not, the reason(s);
3. given that the five-year "Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas" launched on 3 June 2013 will end on 2 June 2018, whether similar schemes will be implemented upon completion of the scheme to continue to provide assistance to hawkers in fixed-pitch hawker areas; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

1. The information sought is provided below -

Item	For the period of April 2014 to February 2015		
	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Amount of grant involved (\$)
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	92	87	10,440,000
Relocation cum reconstruction of stalls	229	41#	1,622,600
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	646	138#	4,696,000
Total	967	266	16,758,600

Payment for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

- Since the launch of the “Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas” (the Scheme) on 3 June 2013 and up to 28 February 2015, of the 4 335 hawkers who are eligible to apply for a grant or ex-gratia allowance under the Scheme, 1 459 have submitted their applications. It is open to the remaining 2 876 hawkers to put in their applications any time before expiry of the Scheme in June 2018.

In the coming year, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will continue to implement relocation of stalls, as agreed with the concerned hawkers, to abate fire risks. In addition, we will start a fresh round of hawker engagement meetings to encourage hawkers to apply early for grants for in-situ reconstruction of their fixed pitch stalls. We will also seek to enhance the effectiveness of information dissemination by showing the outlook of new stall designs both during the engagement meetings and via the Department’s website. Such work will be absorbed by the existing resources.

- Eligible hawkers may apply for assistance under the Scheme before it expires in June 2018. We would review the effectiveness of the Scheme upon completion.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)092

(Question Serial No. 2088)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

At present, the Department provides temporary storage service for cremains. Please advise on the number of cases with storage period longer than two months, the longest storage period and the total amount of fees collected in the past five years. Please also advise whether there will be an increase in the expenditure for providing the service in the future; if yes, please state the amount of the increase, the number of planned additional storage facilities and their storage capacity.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 149)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) provides service for temporary storage of cremains in all its crematoria free of charge in the first two months following cremation. The duration may be extended upon application at a monthly fee of \$80. In the past five years, there were altogether 222 cases in which the duration of temporary storage exceeded two months. Among these cases, the longest storage time was 27 months. The total revenue collected in the past five years was \$112,410.

The Department is going to convert the obsolete old Kwai Chung Crematorium building into a temporary storage facility for cremains with a storage capacity of about 23 000 sets of ashes, at an estimated cost of about \$15.5 million. The conversion works are expected to commence later this year for completion in 2016.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)093

(Question Serial No. 2089)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of new public columbarium facilities built, the locations and number of new niches provided, as well as the expenditure incurred in the past five years. Please also advise on the estimated expenditure for constructing public columbaria, as well as the number and locations of new niches to be provided, in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 150)

Reply:

Details about the public columbarium facilities completed from 2010-11 to 2014-15 are as follows –

Location	Number of Niches	Year of Completion	Actual/Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
Diamond Hill Columbarium	1 540	2012-13	0.51
Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium Phase V	43 710	2012-13	629.50
Cheung Chau Cemetery	1 000	2013-14	2.70

As regards new projects in the pipeline, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has already consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils on the construction of 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches (Phase I) at Wo Hop Shek. The next step is to proceed with the conceptual/detailed design, as applicable,

of the relevant projects, e.g. for site formation and associated infrastructural works for the Sandy Ridge Cemetery project and for the columbaria at Chai Wan and Wo Hop Shek project (Phase I). In addition, the Department has obtained the green light from the Tuen Mun District Council for us to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui and we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the detailed design approved by the District Council. Subject to the approval of the FC, construction works for the Tsang Tsui columbarium are scheduled for completion in 2018. As regards the other sites identified for columbarium development, the Department has largely completed the necessary Engineering Feasibility Studies and Traffic Impact Assessments and will consult the relevant District Councils before the proposed columbarium development is taken forward.

The estimated cost for developing the new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details. For the Tsang Tsui project for which the detailed design has been approved by the relevant District Council, we are now finalising the costing figures of the project with reference to the approved design. The estimated expenditure for developing new columbarium facilities is hence not available at this stage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)094****(Question Serial No. 0001)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and appeals lodged, the average time taken for processing an application and listing an appeal for hearing, the success rate of appeals, as well as the number of liquor licences revoked (with a breakdown by reasons for revocation), in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 1)Reply:

The statistics sought are given below -

Year	2012	2013	2014
Total number of liquor licence applications received ¹	7 789 (1 077)	8 179 (1 087)	8 630 (1 116)
Average time taken for processing an application for liquor licence	35 days	42 days ²	37 days
Number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	48	55	32
Average time taken for listing an appeal for hearing ³	106 days	84 days	74 days
Successful rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB) ⁴	51%	49%	58%

¹ The figures in bracket denote the number of applications for new liquor licence.

² Since November 2012, liquor licence applications are required to be put on the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) website for 14 days before LLB considers them on top of requiring the applicants to place advertisement in local newspaper(s) to notify members of the public of the applications. Also, under the new consultation

mechanism which took effect in May 2013, in respect of liquor licence renewal / transfer applications for premises which are recorded with objection to the previous licence application or implicated with complaints in the past 12 months, the District Councillor of the relevant geographical constituency will be consulted as a matter of course. We believe these new arrangements have contributed to the increase in the average processing time in 2013, relative to 2012. The average processing time has dropped in 2014, relative to 2013. We believe that this is attributed to the fact that there were fewer contested cases in 2014.

- 3 Counting from the date of MSAB receiving the appeal application to the date of the case being heard.
- 4 Only appeal cases with MSAB's decision issued before the end of a year are taken into account for calculating the success rate of appeals in that year.

The number of liquor licences revoked in 2012, 2013 and 2014 with breakdown by reasons is provided in the table below.

Reasons for revocation of liquor licence	Number of liquor licence revoked		
	2012	2013	2014
Cessation of business	9	20	12
Licensee leaving without transferring the licence	0	2	0
Breach of licensing condition	5	5	1
Contravention of legislation	0	0	2
Total	14	27	15

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)095

(Question Serial No. 0002)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the average time for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 166, 165 and 168 working days respectively, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 58, 59 and 61 working days respectively.

(Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)096

(Question Serial No. 0003)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of applications by restaurant licensees for outside seating accommodation and the average time for processing an application in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. Please also list the number of applications rejected (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection), appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years. Besides, please also advise on the manpower and expenditure involved for each of these years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2012	2013	2014
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	104	117	121
Average time taken for processing an application ^{Note}	10 months	15 months	13 months
Number of applications approved	17	23	25
Number of applications rejected	13	39	34
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	68	48	43
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

Note : The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.

Information about the number of applications rejected in 2013 and 2014 (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection) is provided as follows (the breakdown for cases rejected in 2012 is not available) –

Reason of Rejection	2013	2014
Objection(s) raised by the concerned department(s)	32	32
Objection(s) raised by the public	4	1
Objection(s) raised by the concerned department(s) and the public	3	1

Under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, 117 staff in three licensing offices are responsible for handling applications for food business and other trade licences as well as applications for outside seating accommodation, etc. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the handling of applications for outside seating accommodation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)097

(Question Serial No. 0004)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. Please also set out in tabular form the average processing time for these applications in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, there were 659, 550 and 629 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 477, 435 and 455. Some applications received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

We do not keep separate statistics on the processing time for these applications. The time required to process such applications depends on many factors, including the complexity of individual cases, the quality of the proposed layout plans submitted by the licensees, the time required by the relevant departments to comment on the applications, and the efforts made by licensees to comply with stipulated licensing requirements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)098

(Question Serial No. 0005)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application, as well as the number of applications withdrawn, in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	2012	2013	2014
No. of applications for transfer of restaurant licences	682	720	738
No. of applications withdrawn	2	5	3
Average time for processing the applications	46 working days	43 working days	39 working days

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)099

(Question Serial No. 0006)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

During 2015-16, the Department will assist the Food and Health Bureau in following up the implementation of measures to enhance the liquor licensing regime. In this connection, please provide details, including the specific measures, the timetable of work, as well as the manpower and expenditure required.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

The Government conducted a public consultation in 2011 and implemented a number of administrative measures subsequently to improve the liquor licensing regime. For instance, the LLB has in May 2013 revamped its procedures for dealing with applications for the renewal or transfer of liquor licence, aiming to provide added room for sensitive handling of voices from the neighbourhood. A set of guidelines has also been published by the LLB in December 2013 capturing the factors that need to be taken into account when assessing liquor licence applications and highlighting the scrutiny that applications from upstairs bars would have to go through, as well as the more stringent conditions that the LLB may impose including those relating to capacity limit and measures to abate noise nuisance for premises etc.

Separately, we have since June 2014 added express provisions in the licensing conditions stipulating that restaurant licensees must comply with fire safety requirements at all times (such that minor breaches, if repeatedly not attended to promptly, would render them liable to suspension/cancellation of licence). In addition, documentary evidence of continuous compliance with fire safety requirements (namely that the fire safety related certificates issued by registered specialist contractors remain valid at the material time) must be adduced when the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) processes applications for licence renewal. An overwhelming majority of liquor-licensed premises have restaurant licences.

Apart from the administrative measures that have been implemented, on 4 February 2015, we introduced to the Legislative Council (LegCo) the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 (The Amendment Regulation) to adjust the maximum validity period of a liquor licence, and to facilitate electronic submission of applications including the issue or renewal of liquor licence, with a view to further improving the liquor licensing regulatory regime. The Amendment Regulation will come into operation on 3 August 2015.

40 staff in the three licensing offices in the Department are responsible for handling liquor and club liquor licence applications and the related appeals, and implementing the above enhancement measures as part of their licensing-related duties. In addition, another nine staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the LLB. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the implementation of the above measures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)100

(Question Serial No. 0007)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of fixed pitch hawkers and vacant pitches, as well as the vacancy rate of fixed pitches, in each of the 18 districts in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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**Vacancy Rate of On-street Hawker Fixed Pitches
(other than Cooked Food Hawkers)**

District	2012 (as at 31.12.2012)			2013 (as at 31.12.2013)			2014 (as at 31.12.2014)		
	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))	No. of Fixed Pitches (a)	No. of Vacant Pitches* (b)	Vacancy Rate ((b)/(a)+(b))
Central & Western	651	0	0%	622	0	0%	602	19	3.1%
Eastern	464	0	0%	420	0	0%	396	45	10.2%
Southern	32	0	0%	31	0	0%	30	0	0%
Wan Chai	460	0	0%	451	0	0%	439	11	2.4%
Islands	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%
Yau Tsim Mong	2 531	0	0%	2 413	0	0%	2 326	128	5.2%
Sham Shui Po	1 096	0	0%	1 059	0	0%	1 032	42	3.9%
Kowloon City	120	0	0%	110	0	0%	107	1	0.9%
Wong Tai Sin	18	0	0%	18	0	0%	16	0	0%
Kwun Tong	79	0	0%	68	0	0%	65	0	0%
Kwai Tsing	16	0	0%	14	0	0%	14	0	0%
Tsuen Wan	21	0	0%	20	0	0%	20	0	0%
Tuen Mun	8	0	0%	8	0	0%	8	0	0%
Yuen Long	19	0	0%	18	0	0%	17	0	0%
North	8	0	0%	7	0	0%	7	0	0%
Tai Po	7	0	0%	7	0	0%	7	0	0%
Sha Tin	3	0	0%	2	0	0%	1	0	0%
Sai Kung	3	0	0%	3	0	0%	3	0	0%
Total	5 537	0	0%	5 272	0	0%	5 091	246	4.6%

Remarks: * The figure represents the number of pitches vacated as a result of voluntary surrender of hawker licences under the Hawker Assistance Scheme. The figure does not include pitches located outside building staircase discharge points / emergency vehicular access, and earmarked to accommodate stalls that require relocation due to fire safety considerations. Nor does the figure include pitches that were freed up under other scenarios and reserved for various purposes such as resite commitments.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)101

(Question Serial No. 0008)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2014? How many cases were allowed? As regards the appeal cases against licence suspension, please advise on the average, longest and shortest length of suspension.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

In 2014, there were eight appeals against the suspension of food business licence. One of them was subsequently withdrawn. Of the seven cases heard, the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in four cases and shortened the suspension period in the other three cases. The average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was seven days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest three.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)102

(Question Serial No. 0009)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled pork, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled pork processing plants, in each of the past three years (i.e. 2012, 2013 and 2014).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled pork to Hong Kong was five, four and four respectively. According to the record of the Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled pork imported into Hong Kong was about 12 900 tonnes, 11 500 tonnes and 10 200 tonnes respectively.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled pork in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was \$14.1, \$14.4 and \$10.7 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to Mainland chilled pork processing plants in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was five, four and three respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)103

(Question Serial No. 0010)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of Mainland processing plants supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong, the total import and average import price of Mainland chilled beef, as well as the number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants, in each of 2012, 2013 and 2014 following the introduction of Mainland chilled beef to Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 10)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the number of Mainland processing plants approved for supplying chilled beef to Hong Kong was six, seven and seven respectively. According to the record of the Department, the quantity of Mainland chilled beef imported into Hong Kong was about 15 tonnes, two tonnes and 100 tonnes respectively.

According to the Census and Statistics Department, the average import price of Mainland chilled beef in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was \$34.0, \$45.6 and \$12.5 per catty respectively.

The number of inspections to the Mainland chilled beef processing plants was one in each of the past three years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)104

(Question Serial No. 0011)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of live poultry stalls in operation in each of the public markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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Serial No.	Name of Market	Number of live poultry stalls as at	
		end-2013	end-2014
1.	Aberdeen Market	1	1
2.	Bowrington Road Market	1	1
3.	Causeway Bay Market	2	2
4.	Chai Wan Market	2	2
5.	Fa Yuen Street Market	1	1
6.	Heung Che Street Market	1	1
7.	Hung Hom Market	2	2
8.	Java Road Market	3	3
9.	Kowloon City Market	2	2
10.	Kwun Chung Market	2	2
11.	Lai Wan Market	1	1
12.	Lockhart Road Market	3	3
13.	Luen Wo Hui Market	2	2
14.	Ngau Chi Wan Market	1	1
15.	Ngau Tau Kok Market	3	3
16.	North Kwai Chung Market	1	1
17.	Pei Ho Street Market	5	5
18.	Po On Road Market	3	3
19.	Quarry Bay Market	1	1
20.	San Hui Market	2	2
21.	Sha Tin Market	2	2
22.	Shek Wu Hui Market	2	2

Serial No.	Name of Market	Number of live poultry stalls as at	
		end-2013	end-2014
23.	Sheung Fung Street Market	1	1
24.	Sheung Wan Market	7	7
25.	Shui Wo Street Market	1	1
26.	Tai Kiu Market	2	2
27.	Tai Kok Tsui Market	1	1
28.	Tai Po Hui Market	5	5
29.	Tai Shing Street Market	2	2
30.	Tai Wai Market	2	2
31.	Tang Lung Chau Market	1	1
32.	To Kwa Wan Market	1	1
33.	Tsuen Wan Market	3	3
34.	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	4	4
35.	Tung Yick Market	3	3
36.	Wing Fong Street Market	1	1
37.	Yan Oi Market	2	2
38.	Yau Ma Tei Market	2	2
39.	Yeung Uk Road Market	5	5
	Total:	86	86

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)105

(Question Serial No. 0012)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of fresh provision shops with permission for selling live poultry and for selling fresh poultry carcass in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

Fresh provision shops	Number as at 31.12.2013	Number as at 31.12.2014
(1) With permission for selling live poultry (including fresh poultry carcass)	46	46
(2) With permission for selling fresh poultry carcass (other than (1) above)	44	41

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)106

(Question Serial No. 0013)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please list by farm types the number of Mainland production farms exporting food (such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.) to Hong Kong and the number of inspections to these production farms in each of the years from 2012 to 2014. Please advise on the estimated number of inspections to be conducted in 2015, as well as the expenditure and manpower required for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The type and number of registered Mainland farms eligible for exporting foods to Hong Kong from 2012 to 2014 are tabulated as follows –

	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
No. of registered farms in 2012	521	3 602	63	243	35	2	167	4 633
No. of registered farms in 2013	480	3 602	53	231	32	2	169	4 569
No. of registered farms in 2014	459	3 622	36	216	34	1	181	4 549

In 2012 to 2014, a total of 88, 86 and 69 Mainland farms were inspected respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by type is tabulated as follows –

	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
No. of Inspections in 2012	13	0	29	13	2	0	31	88
No. of Inspections in 2013	16	0	29	13	7	0	21	86
No. of Inspections in 2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69

In 2015, we plan to inspect 80 farms, including 60 food animal and fish farms as well as 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas. We do not have a specific estimate on the number of farms in the Mainland to be inspected in 2015.

An inspection unit comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one fisheries officer is responsible for inspection of food animal farms (including fish farms) outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas. The revised estimate of expenditure for conducting farm inspections outside Hong Kong in 2014-15 is \$9.2 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is about \$10.2 million. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection of food animal farms in the Mainland.

The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong (including the Mainland and overseas) is carried out by a team led by an agricultural officer. The officer is also tasked with other duties. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection of vegetable farms and orchards in the Mainland.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)107

(Question Serial No. 0014)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the usage rate of the on-line Licence Application Tracking Facility (ATF) in respect of food business licences and the on-line Liquor Licence Processing System in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2012 to 2014).

The on-line licence application service has been extended to food business licence and other relevant endorsement applications since January 2013. Please advise on the usage rate of the service and provide details on the publicity work, the manpower arrangement and the expenditure required in promoting the service in each of the past two years (i.e. from 2013 to 2014)

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the usage rate of the on-line Licence Application Tracking Facility (ATF) system by the applicants for food business licences or their authorised persons to monitor the progress of their applications was 54%, 51% and 48%² respectively. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the usage rate of the Liquor Licence Processing System by the liquor and club liquor licence applicants or their authorised persons was 35%, 37% and 41% respectively.

¹ Effective from 31 March 2014, a new email notification function was added to the ATF system. With the new function, applicants of food business licences who have registered their email addresses with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will be informed of the progress of their application via email notifications automatically without having to log into the ATF system. These email notifications are not counted in the ATF usage rate.

Starting from 1 January 2013, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) accepts online submission of applications for food business licences and permits. In 2013 and 2014, 9% (589 out of a total of 6 616) and 8% (557 out of a total of 6 666) of the applicants made use of the service respectively. To promote the on-line service, the Department has issued promotional flyers to the applicants; displayed promotional posters in the SME One Centre of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the 19 district environmental hygiene offices and three licensing offices of the Department; conducted briefings for the trade in the meetings organised by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit and in the bi-monthly seminars on restaurant licensing. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the promotion work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)108

(Question Serial No. 0015)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

How many non-local food production farms and food processing plants (apart from those on the Mainland) were inspected by the Department in each of the years from 2012 to 2014? Please advise on the staff establishment required and expenditure involved in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

In 2012, a total of 15 farms and 16 processing plants in Chile, Italy, France, Hungary and Ireland were inspected.

In 2013, a total of nine farms and ten food processing plants in Spain, Vietnam and Iceland were inspected.

In 2014, a total of six farms and 14 food processing plants in the United States, Ireland, France, India, Japan and the Netherlands were inspected.

An inspection unit comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one fisheries officer is responsible for inspection of food animal farms (including fish farms) outside Hong Kong, involving an actual expenditure in 2012-13 and 2013-14 of \$7.7 million and \$8.5 million respectively. The revised estimate is \$9.2 million in 2014-15, and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is \$10.2 million. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection in the Mainland and overseas.

The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong is carried out by a team led by an agricultural officer, while an inspection unit comprising five health inspectors is responsible for inspecting food processing plants outside Hong Kong. These officers are also tasked with other duties. We do not keep separate breakdown of expenses used for

inspection in the Mainland and overseas. Nor do we keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection of vegetable farms, orchards and food processing plants outside Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)109

(Question Serial No. 0016)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the stalls in public markets (excluding cooked food markets) under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide data on the following as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014 respectively:

1. number of stalls let out;
2. number of vacant stalls;
3. total number of stalls;
4. vacancy rate;
5. highest stall rental;
6. lowest stall rental;
7. average stall rental;
8. median rent

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

	<u>Position as at</u>	
	<u>31.12.2013</u>	<u>31.12.2014</u>
1. Number of stalls let out	12 608	12 726
2. Number of vacant stalls	1 353 (947 of which were frozen#)	1 234 (979 of which were frozen#)
3. Total number of stalls	13 961	13 960

4.	Vacancy rate	9.7%	8.8%
5.	Highest monthly stall rental	\$66,337	\$126,588
6.	Lowest monthly stall rental	\$10.34	\$10.34
7.	Average monthly stall rental	\$2,790.27	\$2,827.03
8.	Median monthly rent	\$1,800	\$1,818.5

These stalls are frozen for reasons such as forthcoming improvement works.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)110****(Question Serial No. 0017)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the quantities of fresh, chilled and frozen chickens imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong, their respective share and average import price in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2012 to 2014).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 17)Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the quantities of fresh, chilled and frozen chicken imported from the Mainland, their respective share and average import price are tabulated as follows -

	Fresh Chicken			Chilled Chicken			Frozen Chicken		
	Quantity (kg)*	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg)*#	Quantity (kg) [@]	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg) [#]	Quantity (kg) [@]	%	Average Import Price (\$/kg) [#]
2012	4,582,000	4.77	15.7	37,846,000	39.36	13.2	53,716,000	55.87	15.2
2013	4,448,000	4.54	14.7	37,538,000	38.33	15.9	55,943,000	57.13	15.5
2014	1,767,000	1.66	15.4	39,641,000	37.15	16.4	65,295,000	61.19	16.3

* The information is provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The import data on fresh chickens as given in the trade declarations is on a per chicken basis. To facilitate comparison, the quantity and the price are presented in terms of kg by a conversion factor of 1.86 kg per chicken in 2012, 1.93 kg per chicken in 2013, and 1.96 kg per chicken in 2014.

[@] This is based on information from the Hong Kong Merchandise Trade Statistics.

The information is provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), sourced from trader's import declarations to the Customs and Excise Department. Average Import Prices, calculated by dividing the total import value by its corresponding total import quantity, are subject to various factors other than pure price movement such as composition of commodity, quality of commodity, supply patterns of imports, terms of payment and delivery as well as the trading practices and pricing policies of trading partners.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)111

(Question Serial No. 0018)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the average, highest and lowest daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. 2012, 2013 and 2014). Please also advise on the average, highest and lowest auction prices per picul for each of these years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

Information on the number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland					
	Pigs			Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2012	4 210	5 960	1 513	71	161	12
2013	4 317	5 565	1 942	52	116	8
2014	4 452	6 298	2 597	51	110	9

Information on the auction or wholesale prices of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows -

Year	Auction/wholesale prices per picul of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland								
	Auction Price of Pigs (HK\$)			Wholesale Price of Cattle (HK\$)					
				Marbled Meat Cattle			Beef Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2012	1,329	1,484	1,195	3,601	4,310	3,110	3,291	4,105	2,790
2013	1,350	1,499	1,228	4,497	4,690	4,310	4,093	4,105	4,070
2014	1,253	1,431	1,122	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)112

(Question Serial No. 0020)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

During 2015-16, the Department will assist the Food and Health Bureau in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014. In this connection, please provide details, including the specific measures, the timetable of work, and the manpower and expenditure required.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

In December 2013, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) commissioned a consultant for developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets thereby enabling them to fulfil the functions expected of them. The consultant has developed a set of criteria on the basis of which six markets have been selected for study. It has proposed improvement measures for these six markets which it has further proposed could serve as prototypes for improvement options for other markets. In January 2015, FHB, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the consultant briefed the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets (under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene) on the key findings of the consultancy study and the Government's preliminary thinking. The consultant is finalising the report with regard to the views and comments received.

The Government will further study the consultant's improvement options in consultation with the Architectural Services Department and other relevant government departments. In developing concrete proposals for individual markets, we will consult the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees as appropriate and take into account tenants' views and any technical and operational constraints.

In 2015, we plan to put forward improvement proposals for a number of markets, which may provide reference for improvements to other public markets in future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)113

(Question Serial No. 0043)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the financial provision for and manpower involved in food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety in each of the past two years (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14), as well as the estimated provision and manpower for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The actual expenditure on food surveillance in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$54.7 million and \$57.3 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2014-15 and estimated expenditure for 2015-16 are \$60.4 million and \$71.3 million respectively.

The manpower establishment of the Centre for Food Safety in carrying out the above work in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 was 112, 115 and 115 respectively, and the estimated manpower provision for 2015-16 is 115.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)114

(Question Serial No. 0865)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

After clearance of protesters' tents and articles at the illegally occupied roads in the vicinity of the Legislative Council Complex and Admiralty by the Police on 15 December last year, some protesters moved their articles and tents to the pavement at Tim Mei Avenue. As the number of the protesters' tents has kept on increasing, the tents have so far occupied the areas extending along the pavement at Tim Mei Avenue to Harcourt Road. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. whether the Department has carried out any cleansing operations or taken any measures in respect of the hygiene conditions of the pavement at Tim Mei Avenue since 15 December last year;
2. whether any complaints in respect of the environmental hygiene conditions of the roads mentioned above have been received and the number of these complaints; and
3. given that heaps of articles and food have been accumulated in the tents erected by some occupiers and that the situation is prone to posing a threat to public health and hygiene by the breeding of germs and pest infestations, whether the Department has noticed this situation and planned to take appropriate actions jointly with the Police to clear the articles occupying the roads with a view to ensuring environmental hygiene in the areas around Tim Mei Avenue.

Asked by: Hon CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has been providing pest control services and daily cleansing services, including street sweeping and emptying of litter containers to maintain the environmental hygiene condition of, among others, Tim Mei Avenue, irrespective of whether there are tents along the Avenue.

2. Between 15 December 2014 and 6 March 2015, the Department received one complaint about the environmental hygiene condition at Tim Mei Avenue.
3. Whilst continuous efforts are being made to provide pest control services together with daily cleansing services at Tim Mei Avenue, the Department is closely monitoring the situation and will take appropriate action to maintain the environmental hygiene condition of the area.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)115

(Question Serial No. 0868)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Budget Speech has mentioned the introduction of Food Trucks to Hong Kong. However, fishing vessels in typhoon shelters are prohibited from providing delicacies which carry a strong local taste. Please advise whether the Department will also consider resuming the issue of relevant licences to facilitate the provision of delicacies by fishing vessels in typhoon shelters when studying the proposal to introduce Food Trucks.

Asked by: Hon CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The operation of a restaurant in a vessel requires a marine restaurant licence issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) under the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X). The Department has been processing applications for marine restaurant licences in respect of vessels in consultation with the Marine Department, and will continue to do so as and when applications are received. At present, there are five vessels issued with a marine restaurant licence. Two of them are operating in the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter and the other three are pleasure vessels cruising within Hong Kong waters.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)116

(Question Serial No. 2055)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicator “vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To” under paragraph 4, the number for 2015 (Estimate) is 1 998, representing a decrease of 14% against 2013. Moreover, the number of “samples taken from imported live poultry for testing of avian influenza (AI)” for 2015 (Estimate) is 47 196, representing a decrease of 27.8% against 2013. (The comparison is made with the figures of 2013 instead of 2014 because import of live poultry from the Mainland was temporarily suspended for 8.5 months in 2014.) As such, please advise on the following:

- (1) the reason(s) for the substantial decrease in the number of vehicles to be inspected and the number of samples to be taken under 2015 (Estimate); given the note’s explanation that “the number of samples to be collected in 2015 is estimated according to the sample collection plan devised on a risk-based assessment” (page 245), what the said risk-based assessment refers to, what assessment criteria are adopted, and the reason(s) for the corresponding decrease in the number of vehicles carrying poultry inspected; whether the estimated number of live poultry imported from the Mainland will be further reduced; whether the vehicles carrying day-old chicks from the Mainland to the farms in Hong Kong are required to be inspected; and whether samples from these day-old chicks are required to be taken for testing AI; and
- (2) the basis in support of the introduction of serological tests as explained in the second note on page 245 and whether the testing is applied to all live poultry reared locally and on the Mainland, or just to live poultry imported from the Mainland (if the latter is the case, the reason(s)); whether the Department has liaised with the respective animal quarantine authorities of major live poultry exporting areas on the Mainland to reach a consensus on the testing arrangement (if not, whether such tests are unilaterally introduced by Hong Kong); and whether relevant serological testing method on live poultry is also introduced in other countries and regions where live poultry rearing is practised (if yes, the countries involved).

Asked by: Hon FANG Kang, Vincent (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

1. To strengthen early warning against avian influenza (AI) infection in imported live poultry, the Government has since April 2013 introduced the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for H7 AI, and since January 2014 introduced the H7 serological tests on top of the then existing tests for H5 AI. Each sample collected might be used for both the H5 and H7 tests. Therefore, the number of samples collected does not directly translate into the number of tests conducted. The sampling plan might be subject to adjustment in the course of time according to the prevailing risk of AI and based on scientific assessment.

Supply of live poultry from the Mainland (suspended since January 2014 when a number of samples tested positive to AI PCR testing on 27 January 2014) resumed on 4 September 2014. The estimates about the number of samples collected for testing of AI and the number of vehicles carrying poultry inspected at Man Kam To for 2015 are made on the basis of actual figures obtaining in the last four months of 2014 (i.e. between 4 September to 31 December 2014) duly adjusted to take into account the prevailing scientific risk assessment on AI.

Currently, day-old chicks supplied to Hong Kong have to come from registered day-old chicks producing farms in the Mainland. These farms are subject to the highest biosecurity and diseases control measures amongst all registered poultry farms. There is no evidence to indicate that the viruses are able to transmit from an infected hen to the embryos. More importantly, AI viruses, both highly pathogenic (HP) AI and lowly pathogenic (LP) AI, are generally embryo lethal. In other words, infected eggs would most likely not hatch in the hatchery of the registered farm. Given that the hens have been tested for AI and the eggs have been in the incubator in the registered farms for 21 days, it is most likely that infection, if any, should have already been detected in the hens before the export of the day-old chicks takes place. Moreover, day-old chicks will have only a very limited chance of exposure to AI virus after hatching and are, therefore, less likely to be infected than older birds. Therefore, the risk of day-old chicks carrying AI viruses is very low. On the basis of scientific risk-based assessment, we do not require sampling AI testing for day-old chicks upon importation into Hong Kong. Having taken similar and other relevant factors into account, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) currently has not recommended testing for day-old chicks.

2. Serological test serves as a surveillance measure on birds or farms to detect and determine if they have been infected with AI in the past. Currently, serological testing is applied to all live poultry reared locally and imported from the Mainland. For imported live poultry, serological tests are conducted in accordance with the consensus on specific testing and sampling methods reached between the relevant Mainland authorities and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. Serological test is the standard method of the OIE.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)117

(Question Serial No. 0992)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the wholesale of live cattle, please advise on the following:

- (a) the total number, the average daily number, as well as the highest and lowest daily wholesale number of live cattle supplied to Hong Kong in each of the past four years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2014-15);
- (b) the monthly average, highest and lowest price of live cattle supplied to Hong Kong in each of the past four years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2014-15);
- (c) the total expenditure and average expenditure per head of cattle by the Government in handling live cattle (such as the arrangements for slaughterhouses, quarantine management, etc), as well as the manpower involved; and
- (d) the expenditure and manpower involved in setting up a joint working group with the Mainland last year to conduct surveys and studies on the supply of live cattle to Hong Kong, as well as the progress of the work.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 9)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of live cattle admitted to the slaughterhouse in the past four years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Total number of live cattle admitted	Daily number of live cattle admitted		
		Average	Highest	Lowest
2011	28 718	79	172	18

2012	26 032	71	161	12
2013	19 156	52	116	8
2014	18 602	51	110	9

- (b) Information on the monthly wholesale prices of live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past four years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Monthly wholesale prices per picul of live cattle imported from the Mainland (HK\$)					
	Marbled Meat Cattle			Beef Cattle		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2011	2,871	3,110	2,685	2,533	2,790	2,325
2012	3,601	4,310	3,110	3,291	4,105	2,790
2013	4,497	4,690	4,310	4,093	4,105	4,070
2014	4,690	4,690	4,690	4,070	4,070	4,070

- (c) The expenditure spent on live food animal inspection in the slaughterhouses in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$24.9 million, \$27.7 million and \$30.3 million respectively and the revised estimate in 2014-15 is \$33.3 million, involving 85 staff posts in each of these four years. Pigs, cattle and goats are slaughtered in the slaughterhouses. The average expenditure of live animal inspection on each live food animal slaughtered is respectively \$15.6, \$16.6, \$17.8 and \$19.2 (based on the revised estimate) in the same period. The cost for handling live cattle cannot be separately identified.
- (d) In view of the concerns articulated in the community about the supply and price of fresh beef, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) commissioned in early 2013 a consultant to conduct a market survey. The results of the market survey were reported to the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene (the FSEH Panel) on 28 May 2013 (please refer to LC Paper No. CB(2) 1182/12-13(04)). In parallel, FHB approached the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) to explore whether there would be a need to reform the existing system for the supply of live cattle to Hong Kong.

The progress of our deliberations with MoC was reported to FSEH Panel on 10 June 2014 (please refer to LC Paper No. (CB (2) 1676/13-14 (03)). At that time, there was a shortage of beef supply in the Mainland market itself. Recognising that it would take time for the Central Government's development plan for beef production to realise the effect of stabilising the supply of live cattle, MoC and FHB considered it more appropriate to examine at a future date the suggestion of opening up the live cattle market in Hong Kong. The Government would continue to closely monitor the situation.

Policy matters relating to food safety, import control, and supply of live cattle are overseen and handled by a team in FHB comprising a Principal Assistant Secretary and

an Assistant Secretary. These officers are also tasked with other duties. Separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower resources spent on this area of work is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)118

(Question Serial No. 0997)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the issue of licences relating to the retail of live chickens, please advise on the following:

- (a) the number of permissions granted for selling of fresh poultry carcass, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved, in each of the past four years (i.e. from 2011-12 to 2014-15); and
- (b) whether there is change in the number of licences with permission for selling live chickens in 2014-15, as compared to 2013-14.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department issued one fresh provision shop (FPS) licence with permission for selling fresh poultry carcass and granted permission to one existing FPS licensee for selling fresh poultry carcass. No new FPS licence or permission to existing licensees for selling fresh poultry carcass was granted in 2012, 2013 and 2014. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure and manpower involved in the handling of applications for licence or permission for selling fresh poultry carcass.
- (b) In 2013-14 and 2014-15, the number of FPS licence with permission for selling live poultry remained at 46.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)119

(Question Serial No. 1004)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of samples taken from various fresh food wholesale markets for testing from 2012-13 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by food type and market, as well as the number of samples with test results exceeding the safety levels and the testing items (e.g. heavy metals, pesticide residues, etc.) involving exceedances.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

The number of food samples taken from fresh food wholesale markets from 2012 to 2014 is kept on a calendar year basis. The information requested is as follows -

Wholesale Food Market	Food category	Number of food samples taken		
		2012	2013	2014
North District Temporary Wholesale Market for Agricultural Products	vegetable	0	7	2
Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	977	1 027	753
	poultry egg	138	159	202
	aquatic products	11	16	10
Western Wholesale Food Market	vegetable	863	844	566
	fruit	1 244	1 308	955
	poultry egg	98	111	175
	aquatic products	8	12	8

Vegetable Marketing Organization	vegetable	25	28	138
Total		3 364	3 512	2 809

In 2012, a total of two samples of vegetables from wholesale food markets (one taken from the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market and another from the Western Wholesale Food Market) were found with Cadmium not meeting the relevant food safety standard. No food sample from wholesale food markets was found not meeting food safety standards in 2013. In 2014, a total of six samples of vegetables taken from wholesale food markets (all from the Vegetable Marketing Organization) were found with pesticide residues not meeting the relevant food safety standards.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)120

(Question Serial No. 1005)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under this programme, it is mentioned that the Department will “assist the Food and Health Bureau in following up the implementation of measures to enhance the liquor licensing regime”. Regarding the regime of the Liquor Licensing Board, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower to be involved in handling the work of the Liquor Licensing Board in 2015-16;
- (b) the number of existing liquor licences in the territory, the locations of liquor-licensed premises and the types of buildings (residential, commercial or composite commercial / residential buildings) in which these premises are located;
- (c) the total number of liquor licence applications received in the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15); among them, the number of applications granted and refused, the number of appeals lodged and the success rate of appeals; and
- (d) the details of and the follow-up actions on the measures to enhance the liquor licensing regime.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

- (a) 40 staff in the three licensing offices in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) are responsible for handling liquor and club liquor licence applications as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved in the handling of liquor licence applications and appeals. In addition, another nine staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB). The estimated expenditure involved in manning the LLB Secretariat in 2015-16 is \$5.7 million.

- (b) The number of liquor licences in the territory (broken down by district) as at end-2014 is provided in the table below. There is no separate breakdown on the type of buildings in which the licensed premises are located.

District	No. of Liquor Licences (as at end-2014)		Total
	Liquor Licences	Club Liquor Licences	
Central and Western	842	73	915
Eastern	382	15	397
Southern	117	25	142
Wanchai	898	112	1 010
Islands	237	18	255
Yau Tsim Mong	1 586	97	1 683
Sham Shui Po	248	9	257
Kowloon City	363	19	382
Wong Tai Sin	150	2	152
Kwun Tong	262	10	272
Tsuen Wan	198	11	209
Kwai Tsing	107	4	111
North	99	8	107
Tai Po	143	3	146
Sai Kung	190	7	197
Shatin	211	12	223
Tuen Mun	166	5	171
Yuen Long	237	13	250
Total	6 436	443	6 879

- (c) Relevant statistics are provided as follows :

	2012	2013	2014
Total number of liquor licence applications ¹	7 789 (1 077)	8 179 (1 087)	8 630 (1 116)
Total number of liquor licence granted by LLB ²	7 359	7 221	8 156

Total number of applications refused by LLB ²	50	69	67
Total number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	48	55	32
Successful rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB) ³	51%	49%	58%

¹ The figures in bracket denote the number of applications for new liquor licence.

² Applications for liquor licence received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

³ Only appeal cases with MSAB's decision issued before the end of a year are taken into account for calculating the success rate of appeals in that year.

- (d) The Government conducted a public consultation in 2011 and implemented a number of administrative measures subsequently to improve the liquor licensing regime. For instance, the LLB has in May 2013 revamped its procedures for dealing with applications for the renewal or transfer of liquor licence, aiming to provide added room for sensitive handling of voices from the neighbourhood. A set of guidelines has also been published by the LLB in December 2013 capturing the factors that need to be taken into account when assessing liquor licence applications and highlighting the scrutiny that applications from upstairs bars would have to go through, as well as the more stringent conditions that the LLB may impose including those relating to capacity limit and measures to abate noise nuisance for premises etc. Separately, we have since June 2014 added express provisions in the licensing conditions stipulating that restaurant licensees must comply with fire safety requirements at all times (such that minor breaches, if repeatedly not attended to promptly, would render them liable to suspension/cancellation of licence). In addition, documentary evidence of continuous compliance with fire safety requirements (namely that the fire safety related certificates issued by registered specialist contractors remain valid at the material time) must be adduced when the Department processes applications for licence renewal. An overwhelming majority of liquor-licensed premises have restaurant licences.

Apart from the administrative measures that have been implemented, on 4 February 2015, we introduced to the Legislative Council (LegCo) the Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) (Amendment) Regulation 2015 (the Amendment Regulation) to adjust the maximum validity period of a liquor licence, and to facilitate electronic submission of applications including the issue or renewal of liquor licence, with a view to further improving the liquor licensing regulatory regime. Subject to negative vetting by the LegCo, the Amendment Regulation will come into operation on 3 August 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)121

(Question Serial No. 1006)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding environmental hygiene and related services, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the Department's estimated expenditure on and manpower resources for the provision of cleansing services in 2015-16 (including the expenditure on various cleansing services as well as the number of contractors, in-house staff and contractor staff to be involved), with a breakdown by type of services; and the changes in expenditure and manpower over the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15); and
- (b) given that the hygiene problem in Hong Kong has become increasingly serious in recent years, whether the Department has explored ways to eliminate the potential hygiene hazards, such as allocating additional resources, recruiting more staff, enhancing training for frontline cleansing workers, increasing the frequency of street sweeping by cleansing workers and mechanical street sweepers, as well as placing more litter containers on streets and increasing the frequency of refuse collection per day.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) provides two types of public cleansing services, namely waste collection service and street cleansing service. The estimated expenditure on waste collection service and street cleansing service in 2015-16 is \$487 million and \$1,858 million respectively. A total of 10 760 staff are involved in providing these services, including 3 020 in-house staff and 7 740 staff employed by 14 contractors. Comparing the expenditure on a

year-on-year basis, there is an increase of about 5.5% in 2013-14, 6.7% in 2014-15 and 4.5% in 2015-16 respectively. In terms of headcount, the level of manpower provision on a year-on-year basis is maintained at a similar level during this period.

- (b) The Department will continue to closely monitor the cleanliness and hygiene conditions of public places across the territory, provide public cleansing and pest control services, and step up law enforcement actions, as necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)122

(Question Serial No. 1008)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In respect of the monitoring of the safety of food supplied to Hong Kong, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of Mainland production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong, with a breakdown by province and type of food exported, such as vegetables, fruits, live pigs, live cattle, live chickens, freshwater fish, etc.;
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Department to these production farms in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15); and
- (c) whether any policy has been examined to encourage farms to become production farms approved for exporting food to Hong Kong so as to increase the sources of food supply.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In 2014, the number of registered Mainland farms approved by the Mainland authorities for exporting vegetables, fruits, live food animals and fish to Hong Kong by type and location is tabulated as follows –

Province or city	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Guangdong	137	181	24	87	2		80
Shenzhen	2	1	2	2			
Zhuhai	1	5	9	5			4
Anhui		2			1		14
Beijing	3	16			5		

Province or city	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms
Chongqing	1	4		1			
Fujian	1	150					
Gansu	9	123			2		
Guangxi	2	113		7			1
Guizhou	3	1			1		
Hainan	15	51	1	2			
Hebei	10	237			3		
Heilongjiang		6			1		
Henan	12	23		16			
Hubei	13	38		14	2		23
Hunan	32	64		38			11
Jiangsu	28						21
Jiangxi	8	35		25	1		10
Jilin		1		2	1		
Liaoning	5	271					5
Neimongol	2				5		
Ningxia	23	9					
Ningbo		12					
Qinghai					1		
Shaanxi		635			5		
Shandong	76	675					
Shanxi	2	37			3		
Shanghai	13	2		7			2
Sichuan	2	48					
Tianjin	7				1		1
Xiamen	6	75		1			
Xinjiang		604					
Yunnan	28	99				1	
Zhejiang	18	104		9			9
Total number of registered farms	459	3 622	36	216	34	1	181

- (b) The total number of inspections conducted is kept on a calendar year basis. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, a total of 88, 86 and 69 Mainland farms were inspected respectively. The breakdown of farms inspected by type is tabulated as follows –

	Vegetable Farms	Orchards	Poultry Farms	Pig Farms	Cattle Farms	Goat Farms	Aquatic Food Animal Farms	Total
No. of Inspections in 2012	13	0	29	13	2	0	31	88
No. of Inspections in 2013	16	0	29	13	7	0	21	86
No. of Inspections in 2014	17	3	29	8	5	0	7	69

- (c) The Government is committed to ensuring an adequate and stable food supply to Hong Kong. In this connection, the Government has been working closely with the Mainland authorities to maintain the stability, quality and safety of food products supplied to Hong Kong. We will continue with our efforts on this front.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)123

(Question Serial No. 1013)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to rodent control work, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of rodent infestation complaints received in the past three years with a breakdown by district;
- (b) the total number of rodents trapped in 2014 as 52 601 trappings were conducted;
- (c) the Department's expenditure and manpower to be involved in rodent disinfection work in 2015-16; and
- (d) the Department's special measures to tackle rodent blackspots with higher infestation rates.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided as follows -

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2012	2013	2014
Central & Western	528	669	719
Eastern	506	644	624
Southern	139	142	123
Wan Chai	349	310	403
Islands	138	143	142

District	Number of rodent infestation complaints received		
	2012	2013	2014
Kowloon City	414	457	555
Kwun Tong	254	273	270
Wong Tai Sin	126	188	169
Sham Shui Po	547	537	540
Mong Kok	483	605	628
Yau Tsim	319	313	236
Sha Tin	288	302	381
Tai Po	265	232	222
North	172	154	233
Kwai Tsing	131	191	164
Tsuen Wan	447	551	299
Tuen Mun	381	232	245
Yuen Long	513	451	416
Sai Kung	378	419	255
Total	6 378	6 813	6 624

- (b) The number of rodents trapped in 2014 is 11 945.
- (c) The estimated expenditure involved in rodent control work in 2015-16 is \$158.5 million. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) and its contractors have a total workforce of about 2 310 in providing pest control services.
- (d) The Department will continue to enhance rodent control work and launch district-specific rodent control measures in districts with a higher Rodent Infestation Rate, including publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)124

(Question Serial No. 1014)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In respect of food surveillance, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the financial provision and manpower for food surveillance by the Centre for Food Safety in 2015-16; and
- (b) the total number of food samples taken for testing in various projects under the Food Surveillance Programme in 2014-15 (including routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance) and the satisfactory rates.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The estimated expenditure on food surveillance in 2015-16 is \$71.3 million and the estimated manpower provision is 115 posts.
- (b) The statistics on food surveillance are kept on a calendar year basis. In 2014, the number of food samples tested under routine food surveillance, targeted food surveillance and seasonal food surveillance was 58 100, 4 900 and 1 100 respectively. The overall satisfactory rate is 99.8 per cent.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)125

(Question Serial No. 1015)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under this programme, it is mentioned that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”. Please provide information on the preliminary work plan, including consultation with the District Councils and market tenants concerned on the possibility of closing the markets, as well as the compensation to be offered to the affected tenants.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look into a host of factors, including its vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity and the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works, etc. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will consult the relevant District Council(s) and the affected market tenants on the possibility of closing down an under-utilised market if practical revitalisation measure cannot be identified to keep the market on a viable footing. Before a public market is closed down, the Department would draw up exit plans, including any compensation due, for the tenants concerned having regard to established policy and practice in the past.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)126

(Question Serial No. 1016)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the management of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure on subsidising public market management from 2012-13 to 2014-15;
- (b) the number of vacant stalls in public markets and the vacancy rate at present; the average and longest vacancy period; the total rental receivable (in terms of open market rental) from all vacant stalls in 2014-15 as compared with the expenditure on subsidising public market management;
- (c) the number of in-house staff involved in the management of public markets; and
- (d) the number of contractors engaged, the manpower they deploy, the types of services they provide and the expenditure involved in the various aspects of market management.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) For 2012-13 and 2013-14, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department recorded deficits of \$220.1 million and \$237.3 million respectively in the management of public markets. The deficit in this regard for 2014-15 is estimated to be \$315.1 million.
- (b) As at 31 December 2014, 1 265 stalls out of a total 14 443 stalls in public markets were not let out; this represented 8.8% of the total number of stalls. The figure has included those stalls being frozen for various purposes, such as those for market improvement

works. Information on the average and longest period of vacancy is not readily available. As these stalls cannot be let out for various reasons, we have not assessed the estimated rental receivable and therefore have no basis to compare it with the expenditure on subsidizing public market management.

- (c) As at 31 December 2014, 256 in-house staff including Non-civil Service Contract staff were involved in the management of public markets.
- (d) As at 31 December 2014, a total of 12 contractors and about 1 500 contractors' staff were engaged in the management of public markets, including venue management, cleansing, pest control and security guard services. The estimated total expenditure involved for 2014-15 is about \$226 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)127****(Question Serial No. 1017)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Under Section 31(1)(d) of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), any person who carries on any food business which involves the sale of fresh, chilled or frozen beef, mutton, pork, reptiles, fish or poultry must obtain a fresh provision shop licence. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of fresh provision shop licences in force in Hong Kong in 2014-15, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); and
- (b) the number of inspections conducted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to licensed fresh provision shops from 2012-13 to 2014-15, with a breakdown by licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen); the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected; and the number of prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 34)Reply:

- (a) The information sought is given below, showing the position as at end-2014:

Type of commodities permitted to be sold	Number of fresh provision shops (FPS)
Fresh commodities	963
Chilled commodities	95
Frozen commodities	268
Fresh and chilled commodities	174
Fresh and frozen commodities	103
Chilled and frozen commodities	414
Fresh, chilled and frozen commodities	713
Total	2 730

- (b) In general, inspections of licensed FPS are conducted once every four, ten or 20 weeks according to the risk type of individual premises as assessed under the “Risk-based Inspection System” (the System). The licence type (fresh, chilled and frozen) is only one of the design criteria of the System. Criteria such as the track record of the licensees and the risks inherent in the products sold are also relevant. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department keeps statistics on the overall number of inspections and prosecutions pertaining to licensed food premises. A separate breakdown for licensed FPS is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)128

(Question Serial No. 1018)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the efforts against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted against illegal hawking of unlicensed hawkers, the locations involved, as well as the nature of these cases, in 2014-15;
- (b) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking at unlicensed hawker blackspots; and
- (c) whether new measures will be put in place or additional manpower or resources be allocated to deal with illegal hawking during festive periods (e.g. the Chinese New Year) when unlicensed hawkers are active.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (a) In 2014, there were 26 025 prosecutions against illegal hawking activities, including street obstruction, illegal hawking and sale of cooked food / restricted food. Further detailed breakdown is not readily available. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep statistics on the number of warnings issued.
- (b) With its existing manpower resources, the Department will continue to adopt the strategies of mobile patrol and raiding to deter unlicensed hawking. Hawker Control Team (HCT) staff regularly patrol blackspots to deter illegal hawking activities and to

prevent unlicensed hawkers from taking root at these locations. If the hawkers persist in trading and do not disperse, arrest action would follow. To enhance the deterrent effect, HCT staff also mount raiding operations at blackspots to arrest unlicensed hawkers and seize their goods and equipment.

- (c) To deter the illegal activities of cooked food hawkers during festive periods, the Department will consider enhancing publicity at strategic locations through mounting of roadside banners and handing out of notices and letters to persons in the vicinity who may operate, patronize, or report so as to deter such illegal hawking of cooked food (including licensed hawkers, nearby shops and local residents) in the run up to festive periods such as the Chinese New Year. In addition, the Department will take into account situations on the ground and flexibly deploy existing manpower resources to combat illegal hawking during the festive periods.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)129

(Question Serial No. 1019)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of food complaints received in the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15), the types and nature of these complaints, as well as their examination results and outcome.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The number of food complaints received by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is kept on a calendar year basis. The number of food complaints received from 2012 to 2014 with breakdown by nature and follow-up actions is provided in the following table –

Nature of Complaints	2012	2013	2014
Unwholesome food	2 790	2 346	2 335
Foreign substances in food	1 342	1 331	964
Chemicals in food	474	347	301
Labelling issues	393	610	526
Fake/counterfeit food	124	84	50
Others	138	287	420
Total number of cases	5 261	5 005	4 596
Number of warnings issued	761	604	817
Number of prosecutions taken out	178	192	315

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)130

(Question Serial No. 1020)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the inspections to food premises by the Department in the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15), please advise on the number of inspections conducted, the number and nature of cases of irregularities detected, the types of premises involved and the districts in which these premises were located, as well as the number of warnings issued and prosecutions instituted.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The required statistics are given below -

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
(a) Number of inspections to licenced food premises	204 384	203 007	208 380
(b) Number of prosecutions instituted against licenced food premises	4 231	3 687	2 599
(c) Number of warnings issued under the licensing regime for breach of licensing requirements/conditions	1 203	1 211	1 223

The breakdown by nature of irregularities is at Annex. There are no separate statistics on the types and locations of premises involved.

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**Breakdown of Prosecutions Instituted against Licensed Food Premises
in 2012, 2013 and 2014**

Nature of Irregularities	No. of Prosecutions		
	2012	2013	2014 ^(Note)
Dirty food premises / presence of vermins, live birds or animals	9	15	6
Dirty equipment and utensils	15	27	13
Food not protected from risk of contamination	6	7	3
Sub-standard fish tank water	1	3	0
Improper storage of open food	164	132	93
Use of open space for scullery / food preparation / storage of food utensils	259	171	144
Dirty food room / improper repair of food room	64	56	38
Dirty toilet	1	0	0
Alteration of premises or fittings	14	12	4
Alteration to the approved layout of the premises	116	136	207
Sale of restricted food without permission	19	17	10
Operating other types of unlicensed food business	9	7	24
Extension of food business beyond licensed area ^(Note)	1 350	1 044	610
Obstruction of public places ^(Note)	2 173	2 048	1 410
Other irregularities such as smoking in food room, sale of fresh and chilled meat at the same premises, sale of food unfit for human consumption, sale of food which was not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the purchaser and fresh meat containing preservative etc.	31	12	37
Total	4 231	3 687	2 599

Note : The decrease in the number of prosecutions against licensed food premises was attributable mainly to the decrease in the number of cases of illegal extension of food business area and obstruction of public places by licensed food premises in 2014.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)131

(Question Serial No. 1021)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number, nature and causes of local food poisoning incidents in the past three years (i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15), the seasons when these incidents took place, the conditions of the affected persons and the pertinence to restaurants and the food business (i.e. food poisoning arising from dining out or home cooking).

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department received 341, 285 and 216 referrals of food poisoning cases related to food consumed in restaurants/food purchased in retail outlets from the Department of Health in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. Food poisoning cases were more commonly reported during summer months. Bacteria were the leading group of causative agents for food poisoning cases. The commonly identified contributing factors included contamination through raw food, improper holding temperature and inadequate cooking. Mild symptoms were present in the majority of the affected persons who made full recovery eventually.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)132

(Question Serial No. 1022)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to public niches, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of deaths (Hong Kong residents) and the means of disposal of the dead (by burial or cremation) from 2012-13 to 2014-15; and
- (b) the number of applications for public niches in Hong Kong, the number of niches allocated, the total number of applicants on the waiting list for public niches and the average waiting time for a public niche from 2012-13 to 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

(a)

Year	No. of Deaths	No. of Burials	No. of Cremations
2012	43 672	3 643	39 494
2013	43 399	3 573	38 914
2014	45 710	3 477	41 244

- (b) For new niches in public columbaria, there is no waiting list for their allocation. New niches are allocated through computer balloting and unsuccessful applications would be carried forward automatically to subsequent phases of allocation through computer balloting if the applicant has so requested in the application form. The information sought is as follows –

Year	New niches	
	No. of applications	No. of niches allocated
2012	24 267	1 612
2013	13 172	12 913
2014	16 321	12 053

Note: As unsuccessful applications in one phase of allocation would be carried forward to a subsequent phase of allocation automatically if the applicant has so requested in the application form, the year in which new niches are allocated may not be the same as that in which the applications are made.

In the past few years, on average about 230 niches per annum are returned to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. These niches are re-allocated according to the priority in the waiting list of the respective columbarium. The information sought is as follows –

Year	Re-allocated niches			
	No. of applications	No. of niches re-allocated	No. of applications on the waiting list	Average waiting time (months)
2012	4 852	255	22 138	43.5
2013	5 037	230	21 360	45
2014	5 554	193	23 235	54

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)133

(Question Serial No. 1023)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the enforcement against illegal display of posters and banners, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of complaints received in respect of the illegal display of posters and banners from 2012 to 2014, with a breakdown by district; and
- (b) the number of inspections or enforcement actions carried out by the Department in respect of the illegal display of posters and banners mentioned above, as well as the number of prosecutions initiated and the total amount of fines imposed from 2012 to 2014, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

(a) The number of complaints received relating to illegal display of posters and banners in 2012, 2013 and 2014 is 3 651, 4 756 and 5 181 respectively. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep a breakdown of the complaints by district.

(b) The information sought is given below –

Year	2012	2013	2014
No. of unauthorised publicity materials removed	3 340 171	3 148 500	3 002 810
No. of prosecutions taken against unauthorised display of publicity materials in public place	2 391	2 722	3 091
No. of \$1,500 Fixed Penalty Notices issued	1 563	1 769	2 583

Staff of the Department take enforcement actions during day-to-day patrols and operations. The Department does not keep separate statistics on the number of inspections carried out.

A breakdown of the figures by district is not available. Nor does the Department keep a separate breakdown on the amount of fines resulting from prosecutions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)134

(Question Serial No. 1024)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under this programme, it is stated that the Department will “assist the Food and Health Bureau in conducting public consultation on regulation of safety of edible oils and the recycling of waste cooking oil”. Please advise on the details of the plan(s) concerned, as well as the expenditure and manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

As a result of the Taiwan substandard lard incident in September 2014, the public expressed deep concern about the safety of edible oil. To address the public concern, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Environment Bureau have decided to step up regulation of the safety of edible oil and the recycling of waste cooking oil in Hong Kong to safeguard food safety and Hong Kong's reputation. The Government intends to launch a public consultation on the legislative proposals in the first half of 2015.

The additional work related to formulation of the legislative framework, and the launching of the public consultation will be absorbed from within existing resources. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)135

(Question Serial No. 1025)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under this programme, it is stated that the Department will “assist the Food and Health Bureau in conducting public consultation on regulation of cooked meat”. Please advise on the details of the plan(s) concerned, as well as the expenditure and manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 42)

Reply:

The Government plans to conduct a public consultation on the regulation of cooked meat in 2015-16. In this connection, the Government will conduct a risk assessment on the safety of cooked meat, review current regulation in Hong Kong and make reference to regulatory practices outside Hong Kong before coming up with a regulatory proposal. We will absorb the required manpower and expenditure from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)136****(Question Serial No. 1026)****Head:** (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**Subhead (No. & title):** (-) Not Specified**Programme:** (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services**Controlling Officer:** Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Food and Health**Question:**

Under this programme, it is stated that the Department will “continue to take stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed food premises and food premises which pose immediate health hazards or with illegal extension of food business area”. Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of enforcement actions taken against unlicensed food premises in the past three years; and
- (b) the number of enforcement actions taken against illegal extension of food business area in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 43)**Reply:**

The information sought is provided in the tables below -

	2012	2013	2014
(a)(i) Number of prosecutions against unlicensed food premises	4 466	6 295	5 118
(a)(ii) Number of Closure Order granted by the Court to close the unlicensed food premises	0	1	5

	2012	2013	2014
(b)(i) Number of prosecutions against illegal extension of food business area	5 346	6 030	3 498
(b)(ii) Number of suspension of food business licences resulting from illegal extension of food business area	198	221	175
(b)(iii) Number of cancellation of food business licences resulting from illegal extension of food business area	40	65	20

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)137

(Question Serial No. 2331)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the enforcement against unlicensed hawkers, please advise this Committee on the work in each of the past three years as follows:

- (a) the number of convicted prosecution cases;
- (b) the number of hawking paraphernalia and goods seized from unlicensed hawkers and how the seizures were disposed of; and
- (c) the expenditure and manpower required for keeping the seizures mentioned in (b).

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No.23)

Reply:

- (a) There were 25 234, 26 294 and 28 206 convicted prosecution cases against unlicensed hawkers in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.
- (b) There are no statistics on the amount of hawking paraphernalia and goods seized from unlicensed hawkers. For seized goods that are perishable, e.g. restricted food, fruits and vegetables, they will be immediately disposed of after spraying with chloride of lime and delivered to landfill or refuse collection point as appropriate. For non-perishable goods, they would in general be kept in a safe condition after seizure pending final disposal. The Court will order forfeiture of the seized articles upon conviction of the hawker offence. Except where perishable goods have been immediately disposed of as aforesaid, other non-perishable seized goods with an assessed value of under \$200 will be destroyed while those items with an assessed value over \$200 will be sent to the Government Logistics Department for disposal by way of sale.

- (c) In 2012, 2013 and 2014, there were respectively 94, 93 and 88 staff members whose duties include, among the others, responsibility for keeping the seizure. There is no breakdown on expenditure involved solely for keeping the seizures.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)138

(Question Serial No. 2335)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding food safety tests, please provide information on the following:

- 1) the number of food samples taken for testing and, among them, the number of those from the Mainland in each of the past four years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15);
- 2) the number of fruit and vegetable samples that were found to be unsatisfactory and, among them, the number of those from the Mainland in each of the past four years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15);
- 3) the number of prosecutions instituted pertaining to the fruits and vegetables in question, as well as the maximum and minimum penalties thus imposed, in each of the past four years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15); and
- 4) whether there will be an increase in the manpower and expenditure in 2015-16, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 49)

Reply:

1. The number of food samples tested in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 were about 64 900, 65 000, 64 600 and 64 100 respectively. There is no breakdown on the number of samples from the Mainland.
2. The total number of samples of fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products that were found to be unsatisfactory and the number of such samples from the Mainland in each of the past four years are tabulated as follows -

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total number of unsatisfactory samples of fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products	20	19	8	48
Number of unsatisfactory samples of fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products, from the Mainland	13	14	7	34

3. The number of prosecutions instituted pertaining to the fruit/fruit products and vegetable/vegetable products in question in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 were one, three, one and 16 respectively. The penalties imposed ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000.
4. The revised estimate of carrying out food surveillance work for 2014-15 is \$60.4 million and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$71.3 million. There is no change in manpower establishment in 2015-16 as we have so far been able to meet the workload through redeployment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)139

(Question Serial No. 2336)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the inspections of registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, please provide information on the following:

- 1) the number of registered vegetable farms on the Mainland, with a breakdown by province, in each of the past four years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15);
- 2) the number of inspections conducted by the Department in each of the past four years (i.e. 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15); whether any targets have been set for the number of inspections; if not, the reason(s); and
- 3) whether there will be an increase in the manpower and expenditure in 2015-16, as well as the details of the post(s) to be created; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

- 1) According to the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the number of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland which may supply vegetables to Hong Kong in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 by location is tabulated as follows -

Province/City	No. of Registered Vegetable Farms			
	2011	2012	2013	2014
Guangdong	158	150	142	137
Shenzhen	6	6	6	2
Zhuhai	1	1	1	1

Beijing	4	3	3	3
Chongqing	1	1	1	1
Fujian	11	7	2	1
Gansu	9	9	9	9
Guangxi	2	2	2	2
Guizhou	3	3	3	3
Hainan	15	15	15	15
Hebei	22	14	8	10
Henan	14	14	16	12
Hubei	10	13	13	13
Hunan	50	50	50	32
Jiangsu	25	25	26	28
Jiangxi	15	15	8	8
Liaoning	5	5	5	5
Neimongol	1	1	2	2
Ningxia	17	21	22	23
Shandong	62	69	70	76
Shanxi	2	2	2	2
Shanghai	13	13	13	13
Sichuan	2	2	2	2
Tianjin	7	7	7	7
Xiamen	-	-	6	6
Yunnan	55	55	28	28
Zhejiang	18	18	18	18
Total no. of registered vegetable farms	528	521	480	459

- 2) The total number of inspections conducted to Mainland registered vegetable farms is kept on a calendar year basis. A total of 20, 13, 16 and 17 Mainland registered vegetable farms were inspected in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. The Centre for Food Safety plans to inspect 20 vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas in 2015.
- 3) The inspection of vegetable farms and orchards outside Hong Kong (including the Mainland and overseas) is carried out by a team led by an agricultural officer. These officers are also tasked with other duties. There is no plan to increase manpower establishment in 2015-16 as we have so far been able to handle the workload through redeployment. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection of vegetable farms and orchards in the Mainland.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)140

(Question Serial No. 0274)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (603) Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the substantial increase in expenditure under this subhead, please set out in detail what item(s) the funding will be mainly spent on.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

The details of the items funded under Subhead 603 in 2015-16 are appended below –

Description	\$million
Replacement of five gully cesspit emptier vehicles	1.600
Replacement of six conservancy collector vehicles	1.920
Replacement of 34 street washing vehicles	10.200
Replacement of a liquid chromatograph-tandem mass spectrometer system at Food Research Laboratory	4.500
Improvement work of two sets of water scrubber for stalls 1-20 at Hung Hom Cooked Food Centre	3.216
Total	21.436

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)141

(Question Serial No. 0275)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Public Education and Community Involvement

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the promotion of the prohibition on illegal hawking, please advise on the Department's expenditure involved and the expenditure on television and radio Announcements in the Public Interest.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) deters illegal hawking activities through patrol, raiding, and publicity efforts targeted at strategic locations. On publicity, we step up our efforts, where appropriate, at hawker blackspots through mounting of roadside banners, and handing out of notices and letters to stakeholders including licensed hawkers, nearby shops and local residents.

The relevant expenditure is absorbed by the existing resources. In 2014, the Department did not produce any Announcements in the Public Interest on this subject.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)142

(Question Serial No. 0281)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The estimates for the coming year will increase by 3.5% as compared with the current year. However, there will be a net decrease of 39 posts and a substantial decrease of nearly 40% in the collection of sludge by gully emptiers (tonnes) in the coming year. Please advise on the savings arising from the decreases involved in the items mentioned above.

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The net decrease of 39 posts and the decrease of 40% in the collection of sludge by gully emptiers in the coming year are not correlated.

The posts to be deleted are those Workman II grade posts that we do not have an operational need to retain. As they are already vacant, the deletion of these posts will not result in any net savings.

The estimated volume of sludge collected by gully emptiers in 2015 is, by weight, 40% less than that collected in 2014. This is mainly attributable to the fact that since July 2014 the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has, upon the advice of Environmental Protection Department (EPD), stepped up actions to drain away the water content of collected sludge thoroughly before delivering it to EPD's disposal site. No net savings result for this Department from this new arrangement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)143

(Question Serial No. 1149)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The overall Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR) for 2014 was 3.2%, marking the highest rate since 2010. The Audit Report has also criticised the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department for using the same 41 areas for rodent surveillance in the past ten years and considered that the insufficient geographical coverage might undermine the representativeness of the RIR for a district, thus rendering the public doubtful about the effectiveness of the rodent control work of the Department. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the resources allocated by the Department for rodent control work in the past three years;
2. whether the Department has assessed the effectiveness of the anti-rodent measures; if yes, the findings of the assessment; if not, the reason(s); and
3. in view of the infestation of rodents, whether new measures will be implemented (such as distributing rodent cage traps to the residents of the old buildings where the rodent problem is more serious) to help the residents catch rodents.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

1. The actual expenditure on rodent control work for 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$141.0 million and \$151.6 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$156.2 million.
2. The Rodent Infestation Rate (RIR) in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 2.4%, 3.1% and 3.2% respectively. Whilst the RIR in 2014 went up slightly from the low levels in the

previous two years, it remained at a low single digit, suggesting that the rodent problem in public areas remains generally under control. The RIR only assesses the rodent problem in the public places of the surveyed area in the surveillance period. It is one of the factors that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) considers when assessing the actual situation of rodent infestation in a district. In addition to the RIR, frontline staff of the Department also take into account the trails left by rodents, complaint figures and the views of the local community and the public in identifying problematic locations for rodent prevention and control actions. The Department will continue to keep in view the methods on disease vector surveillance recommended by the World Health Organization and adopted by other cities. Methods which are suitable for use locally would be adopted for improving the effectiveness of the rodent infestation survey.

3. The Department will continue to enhance rodent control work and launch district-specific rodent control measures in districts with a higher RIR, including publicity and educational programmes to promote greater community involvement in rodent control and prevention, in addition to its regular pest control work and annual territory-wide publicity campaigns.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)144

(Question Serial No. 1165)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In the Report on the Consultancy Study on Ways to Improve the Operating Environment of Public Markets submitted to the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets earlier, a number of improvements are recommended to be taken forward at six selected markets managed by the Department (i.e. Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Lockhart Road Market and Wing Fong Street Market). Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16, it is mentioned that the Department will assist the Food and Health Bureau in developing proposals for improving the operating environment of public markets, taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. the expenditure on improving the operating environment of public markets over the past three years and the expenditure on each type of projects;
2. whether the financial provision in this respect will increase for the next three years; if yes, the rate of the increase; and
3. as the Government has indicated that consultations will be conducted before finalisation of the improvement measures, the expected timetable for conducting consultations on the above consultancy study, as well as launching and finalising the improvement plans.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

- (1) The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out below -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$million)
2012-13	5.1
2013-14	22.2
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9.5

The works include improvements to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services equipment, and signage, as well as the replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access. As resources for market improvement projects are allocated on a venue basis, there is no cost breakdown of individual type of improvement works.

- (2) Under the existing arrangements, resources for market improvement works are earmarked for the coming financial year only. For 2015-16, the estimated total cost for market improvement projects is \$58.6 million.
- (3) In December 2013, the Food and Health Bureau commissioned a consultant for developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets thereby enabling them to fulfil the functions expected of them. The consultant has developed a set of criteria on the basis of which six markets have been selected for study. It has proposed improvement measures for these six markets which it further proposed could serve as prototypes for improvement options for other markets. In January 2015, the Food and Health Bureau, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the consultant briefed the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets (under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene) on the key findings of the consultancy study and the Government's preliminary thinking. The consultant is finalising the report with regard to the views and comments received.

The Government will further study the consultant's physical improvement options in consultation with the Architectural Services Department and other relevant government departments. In developing concrete proposals for individual markets, we will consult the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees as appropriate and take into account tenants' views and any technical and operational constraints. In 2015, we plan to put forward improvement proposals for a number of markets, which may provide reference for improvements to other public markets in future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)145

(Question Serial No. 1166)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16, it is mentioned that the Department will take action to close public markets which are under-utilised. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

1. the public markets that were closed in the past three years; the reason(s) for their closure; the new land uses after their closure;
2. the public markets that will be closed in the coming three years; the reason(s) for their closure; the new land uses after their closure; and
3. the measures taken by the Department other than closing the markets to resolve the problem of the poor operation of public markets, as well as the expenditure involved in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look into a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant district councils etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. The Government Property Agency may be requested to assist in identifying other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use. If the

premises is by itself a stand-alone building, the Planning Department or Lands Department may be involved in exploring the long-term alternative use of the premises.

In the past three years, one market, viz. Bridges Street Market (the Market) was closed due to consistently high vacancy rate. The Market has been included into the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under which non-profit-making non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals to revitalize government owned historic buildings. Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and district councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

Closure of public markets is only one of the options to deal with under-utilised markets. As an on-going initiative, the Department conducts promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

Furthermore, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department carries out improvement works in relevant markets to enhance their operating environment. The works may include improvement to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services, signage, replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access.

The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed and market promotional activities pursued in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$million)	Expenditure on market promotional activities (\$million)
2012-13	5.1	4
2013-14	22.2	4
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9.5	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)146

(Question Serial No. 0879)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (2), it is stated that the Department will conduct public consultation on the regulation of the safety of edible oils and the recycling of waste cooking oil. Please advise on the following:

- (a) the frequency of the sampling and testing of edible oils in each of the past three years;
- (b) the number of samples of edible oils that were found not meeting the food safety standards in each of the past three years; and
- (c) given that the Department has announced earlier its measure to step up the testing of edible oils imported from other places and that the number of samples to be collected for testing is expected to increase by at least 20% over the previous year, whether additional manpower and resources will be allocated to cope with the increase in work; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

- (a) The number of samples of edible oil taken for analysis in 2012, 2013 and 2014 were 171, 454 and 798 respectively.
- (b) Three samples taken in 2012 and one sample taken in 2014 were found to have Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) value exceeding the Centre for Food Safety's action level, though the level did not raise food safety concern.
- (c) The work involved in testing of additional edible oil samples will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)147

(Question Serial No. 0904)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the work of continuing to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- the population and the number of public markets in each district as per the table below:

District	Population	No. of Public Markets	Name of Public Market
Central & Western			
Eastern			
Southern			
Wan Chai			
Kowloon City			
Kwun Tong			
Wong Tai Sin			
Sham Shui Po			
Mong Kok			
Yau Tsim			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
North			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			

Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Sai Kung			
Islands			
Total			

- the year of commissioning, current number of stalls and occupancy rate of individual public markets (listed by air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned markets) in the territory.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

Annex I gives the population and the number of public markets in each district.

Annex II gives the year of commissioning, current number of stalls and occupancy rate of individual public markets (with air-conditioned markets listed first, followed by non-air-conditioned markets).

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District	Population#	No. of Public Markets	Name of Public Markets
Central & Western	253 200	6	Shek Tong Tsui Market Sheung Wan Market Smithfield Market Centre Street Market Sai Ying Pun Market Queen Street Cooked Food Market
Eastern	588 400	11	North Point Market Electric Road Market Causeway Bay Market Quarry Bay Market Yue Wan Market Java Road Market Sai Wan Ho Market Shaukeiwan Market Aldrich Bay Market Chai Wan Market Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market
Southern	280 900	6	Yue Kwong Road Market Tin Wan Market Aberdeen Market Apleichau Market Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market Stanley Waterfront Mart
Wan Chai	153 100	5	Wanchai Market Bowrington Road Market Lockhart Road Market Wong Nai Chung Market Tang Lung Chau Market
Kowloon City	382 900	4	Kowloon City Market Hung Hom Market Tokwawan Market On Ching Road Flower Market
Kwun Tong	644 000	8	Ngau Tau Kok Market Shui Wo Street Market Yee On Street Market Lei Yue Mun Market Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market

District	Population#	No. of Public Markets	Name of Public Markets
Wong Tai Sin	428 700	4	Ngau Chi Wan Market Sheung Fung Street Market Choi Hung Road Market Tai Shing Street Market
Sham Shui Po	388 700	5	Po On Road Market Pei Ho Street Market Lai Wan Market Tung Chau Street Temporary Market Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market
Mong Kok	315 000	3	Fa Yuen Street Market Tai Kok Tsui Market Mong Kok Cooked Food Market
Yau Tsim		3	Yau Ma Tei Market Kwun Chung Market Haiphong Road Temporary Market
Sha Tin	647 300	4	Sha Tin Market Tai Wai Market Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market
Tai Po	303 100	2	Tai Po Hui Market Plover Cove Road Market
North	307 800	4	Shek Wu Hui Market Luen Wo Hui Market Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre Sha Tau Kok Market
Kwai Tsing	509 100	8	Wing Fong Street Market Tsing Yi Market North Kwai Chung Market Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market Ka Ting Cooked Food Market Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market
Tsuen Wan	305 600	6	Yeung Uk Road Market Tsuen Wan Market

District	Population#	No. of Public Markets	Name of Public Markets
			Heung Che Street Market Tsuen King Circuit Market Sham Tseng Temporary Market Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market
Tuen Mun	494 800	6	Yan Oi Market San Hui Market Lam Tei Market Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market Kin Wing Cooked Food Market Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market
Yuen Long	593 500	8	Tung Yick Market Tai Kiu Market Hung Shui Kiu Market Kam Tin Market Lau Fau Shan Market Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market
Sai Kung	444 100	2	Sai Kung Market Tui Min Hoi Market
Islands	146 600	6	Mui Wo Market Cheung Chau Market Tai O Market Peng Chau Market Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market Mui Wo Cooked Food Market
Total	7 186 800	101	

Based on "Population and Household Statistics Analysed by District Council District 2013" published by Census and Statistics Department in April 2014

Serial No.	Name of Market	Year of Commissioning	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls as at 31 December 2014	Occupancy rate* as at 31 December 2014
1	Bowrington Road Market	1979	yes in CFC only	296	99%
2	Hung Hom Market	1996	yes in CFC only	224	100%
3	Java Road Market	1993	yes in CFC only	194	97%
4	Lockhart Road Market	1987	yes in CFC only	166	89%
5	Pei Ho Street Market	1995	yes in CFC only	227	100%
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	1984	yes in CFC only	274	98%
7	Sheung Wan Market	1989	yes in CFC only	222	98%
8	Smithfield Market	1996	yes in CFC only	216	100%
9	Tai Shing Street Market	1998	yes in CFC only	446	94%
10	Tokwawan Market	1984	yes in CFC only	267	99%
11	Wong Nai Chung Market	1996	yes in CFC only	69	99%
12	Aldrich Bay Market	2008	yes	71	82%
13	Apleichau Market	1998	yes	63	98%
14	Centre Street Market	1976	yes	47	74%
15	Chai Wan Market	2001	yes	173	94%
16	Lei Yue Mun Market	2000	yes	20	100%
17	Luen Wo Hui Market	2002	yes	338	97%
18	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	2005	yes	14	100%
19	Peng Chau Market	1999	yes	18	89%
20	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	2004	yes	11	91%
21	Sai Ying Pun Market	1999	yes	102	88%
22	San Hui Market	1982	yes	324	99%
23	Sha Tin Market	1980	yes	172	100%
24	Shek Wu Hui Market	1994	yes	392	100%
25	Tai Kiu Market	1984	yes	379	98%
26	Tai Kok Tsui Market	2005	yes	135	99%
27	Tai Po Hui Market	2004	yes	313	100%

28	Tsing Yi Market	1999	yes	76	91%
29	Wanchai Market	2008	yes	50	100%
30	Yan Oi Market	1983	yes	108	99%
31	Yee On Street Market	1999	yes	65	98%
32	Yue Wan Market	1979	yes	374	94%
33	Aberdeen Market	1983	no	335	99%
34	Causeway Bay Market	1995	no	51	100%
35	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	1979	no	32	100%
36	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	1991	no	17	100%
37	Cheung Chau Market	1991	no	237	100%
38	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	1982	no	28	43%
39	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	1987	no	12	100%
40	Choi Hung Road Market	1988	no	116	78%
41	Electric Road Market	1993	no	99	98%
42	Fa Yuen Street Market	1988	no	180	98%
43	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	1982	no	24	100%
44	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	1982	no	15	100%
45	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	1978	no	88	66%
46	Heung Che Street Market	1972	no	223	99%
47	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	1979	no	11	100%
48	Hung Shui Kiu Market	1987	no	215	38%
49	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	1983	no	16	81%
50	Kam Tin Market	1964	no	41	100%
51	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	1981	no	14	100%
52	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	1979	no	20	85%
53	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	1985	no	14	100%
54	Kowloon City Market	1988	no	581	98%
55	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	1986	no	11	100%
56	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	1990	no	12	92%
57	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	1985	no	98	99%

58	Kwun Chung Market	1991	no	218	99%
59	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	1984	no	29	100%
60	Lai Wan Market	1992	no	42	98%
61	Lam Tei Market	1969	no	7	86%
62	Lau Fau Shan Market	1964	no	25	88%
63	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	1985	no	20	100%
64	Mui Wo Market	1993	no	35	100%
65	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	1987	no	28	89%
66	Ngau Chi Wan Market	1986	no	402	95%
67	Ngau Tau Kok Market	1981	no	466	88%
68	North Kwai Chung Market	1984	no	222	97%
69	North Point Market	1970	no	42	90%
70	On Ching Road Flower Market	1979	no	13	100%
71	Plover Cove Road Market	1991	no	244	99%
72	Po On Road Market	1988	no	449	94%
73	Quarry Bay Market	1988	no	113	93%
74	Sai Kung Market	1985	no	209	100%
75	Sha Tau Kok Market	1998	no	66	100%
76	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	1984	no	29	100%
77	Shaukeiwan Market	1973	no	82	56%
78	Shek Tong Tsui Market	1991	no	151	97%
79	Sheung Fung Street Market	1989	no	71	100%
80	Shui Wo Street Market	1988	no	302	99%
81	Stanley Waterfront Mart	2007	no	20	95%
82	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	1980	no	17	88%
83	Tai O Market	1989	no	26	85%
84	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	1985	no	18	100%
85	Tai Wai Market	1985	no	195	90%
86	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	1984	no	20	100%
87	Tang Lung Chau Market	1963	no	34	97%
88	Tin Wan Market	1979	no	180	100%

89	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	1983	no	18	98%
90	Tsuen King Circuit Market	1990	no	241	24%
91	Tsuen Wan Market	1981	no	381	96%
92	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	1985	no	56	100%
93	Tui Min Hoi Market	1983	no	34	100%
94	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	1992	no	359	50%
95	Tung Yick Market	1991	no	446	42%
96	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	1983	no	8	100%
97	Wing Fong Street Market	1982	no	112	93%
98	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	1984	no	18	94%
99	Yau Ma Tei Market	1957	no	144	99%
100	Yeung Uk Road Market	1990	no	318	98%
101	Yue Kwong Road Market	1981	no	197	98%

* Occupancy rate is the percentage of let-out stalls versus the total number of stalls in a market.

Remark :

CFC - Cooked Food Centre in Market

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)148

(Question Serial No. 0080)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the facilitation of alfresco dining operation, please advise:

1. whether the trade will be consulted accordingly; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s); and
2. whether the possible impact on the business of rental shop operators has been assessed; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

1. In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight government departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for outside seating accommodation (OSA) permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance. The Working Group has consulted the food business sectors through the Food Business and Related Services Task Force (FBRSTF) under the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee on the recommendations, and reported progress on the implementation of the recommendations to FBRSTF at regular interval.
2. For seeking to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures, the recommendations put forward by the Working Group can help shorten the processing time and facilitate trade compliance. As the recommendations are still being

implemented progressively, we have not assessed the impact of the enhancement measures or the permission of OSA on the business of the restaurants. That said, as an ongoing effort, we will maintain close liaison with the relevant trades.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)149

(Question Serial No. 1495)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the actions against food premises with illegal extension of food business area, the Department has earlier on set up a task force in Yuen Long district and the efforts in containing the problem of unauthorised extension of business area by restaurants have been effective. To sustain the effectiveness, it is necessary to maintain the task force teams to prevent the problem from resurging. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (a) whether the Department will consider expanding the task force to extend inspections to other districts where the problem is more serious, thereby containing the problem of unauthorised extension by restaurants and stepping up enforcement actions against unauthorised shop front extensions;
- (b) if yes for (a), the scale of expansion, as well as the manpower and estimated expenditure to be involved;
- (c) whether sufficient resources and manpower have been earmarked for maintaining the operation of the task force;
- (d) whether the Department will consider setting up a dedicated section to oversee the task force; and
- (e) if yes for (d), the estimated cost and staffing arrangement.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

- (a) and (b) Prior to the establishment of the Food Business Extension Control Task Force (TF), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) put together a pilot team in May 2013 to combat the illegal

outside seating accommodation (OSA) blackspots in Tsuen Wan District where the problem of illegal OSA was the most serious then. Having put the problem in Tsuen Wan District under control, the TF moved on to Kwai Tsing District and subsequently to Sha Tin District which had similar problems. To prevent the recurrence of illegal OSA, the TF maintained close surveillance of blackspots previously tackled. The strategy has proven successful in containing the illegal OSA problem in Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Sha Tin Districts.

To better combat illegal OSA of food premises, the Department set up two TF teams in June 2014. The two TF teams were deployed to Yuen Long District where the problem of illegal OSA was extensive. With enforcement action taken by the teams since June 2014, the extent of illegal OSA in the District has receded significantly.

The Department will make the best use of the TF teams and keep under review the staffing situation from time to time to meet operational needs.

- (c), (d) and (e) Currently, there are 32 posts (comprising three Senior Health Inspectors and 29 Health Inspectors) deployed to support the operation of the TF. We shall monitor closely the incidence and extent of illegal OSA and deploy resources to tackle the problem accordingly. Should reinforcement of the TF be considered necessary, we shall make the corresponding arrangements.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)150

(Question Serial No. 1496)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the stepping up of enforcement action against shop front extensions, it is pointed out in the report on “Direct Investigation into Regulatory Measures and Enforcement Actions against Street Obstruction by Shops” released by the Office of The Ombudsman in June 2014 that the strategy of “warning before prosecution” applied by the Department in most of the cases proved to be ineffective. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) whether the Department will consider immediate issuing of a summons, lest the person-in-charge of the shop remove the goods or articles in question temporarily for compliance with the notice upon warning, but put them back afterwards without being prosecuted and continue to cause street obstruction;
- (b) if the answer to (a) is “yes”, whether a ceiling will be set on the fines imposed per day and the maximum amount to be set; and
- (c) under what circumstances the Department will exercise discretion.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

- (a) The Ombudsman issued a report on “Direct Investigation into Regulatory Measures and Enforcement Actions against Street Obstruction by Shops” in June 2014. Amongst the recommendations given to relevant departments, The Ombudsman recommended the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) to prosecute habitual offenders immediately without issuing prior warning; step up efforts to take out prosecution and seizure under the “illegal hawking provision” for stronger deterrent effect; and take strict enforcement action against those shops which extend their business area beyond the “tolerated areas”. The Department has taken

on board The Ombudsman's recommendations, and adjusted its enforcement strategy accordingly.

- (b) The maximum penalty for contravention of Section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap.228) for causing street obstruction is \$5,000 or imprisonment for 3 months, while that for contravention of Section 83B of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) for hawking without a licence is \$5,000 and imprisonment for 1 month for first conviction, and \$10,000 and imprisonment for 6 months for second and subsequent conviction.
- (c) The Department will take into consideration the number and nature of complaints received, manpower resources available, and the District Council's views in planning enforcement operation. Whether prosecution is to be taken out by way of summons or arrest and charge is contingent upon the actual circumstances on the ground.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)151

(Question Serial No. 1499)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the management and cleansing services of public markets, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) the expenditure on the management and cleansing services of public markets for 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;
- (b) whether there is any staff deployment mechanism determining the number of management and cleansing staff in the markets; the number of management and cleansing staff deployed in each public market; and
- (c) whether there is any mechanism to downsize the number of management and cleansing staff in respect of the public markets with a low occupancy rate.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The actual expenditure on market management (inclusive of cleansing services) in 2013-14 was \$648.7 million and the Revised Estimate for 2014-15 is \$724.1 million.
- (b) Deployment of market staff is district-based. In determining the number of management and cleansing staff in each district, the Department will consider factors including the number and size of markets, number of market stalls, facilities available in the markets and market conditions. The number of management staff and cleansing staff broken down by district is set out at Annex.

- (c) As stated in (b) above, the Department takes into account a host of factors in determining the number of management and cleansing staff to be deployed in a district, and will not downsize its staff complement merely because a particular market has a low occupancy rate.

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District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff	
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / Toilet Attendant	
Eastern	Chai Wan Market	1	1	1		2	2	20	
	Yue Wan Market					2	2	15	
	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market					2	2	2	
	Shau Kei Wan Market			1		2	2	8	
	Aldrich Bay Market					2	2	8	
	Sai Wan Ho Market		1		1		3	2	16
	Quarry Bay Market						3	2	13
	Electric Road Market						3	2	12
	North Point Market						2	2	8
	Causeway Bay Market					1		2	2
	Java Road Market			3	2		20		
Central/ Western	Sheung Wan Market	1	1	1	3		2	15	
	Queen Street Cooked Food Market							2	4
	Sai Ying Pun Market							2	10
	Centre Street Market							2	7
	Shek Tong Tsui Market							3	11
	Smithfield Market							3	11
Southern	Aberdeen Market	1	1	1	3		3	14	
	Apleichau Market						3	9	
	Tin Wan Market						2	9	
	Yue Kwong Road Market						2	9	
	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market						2	2	
	Stanley Waterfront Mart						2	2	
Islands	Cheung Chau Market	1	1	1	4		4	15	

District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff			
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / Toilet Attendant			
	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market										
	Peng Chau Market									2	5
	Mui Wo Market									2	9
	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market										
	Tai O Market										
Wan Chai	Lockhart Road Market	1	1	1	3		3	13			
	Bowrington Road Market						4	16			
	Wan Chai Market						2	10			
	Wong Nai Chung Market						2	7			
	Tang Lung Chau Market						2	4			
Kowloon City	Kowloon City Market	1	2	1	3		3	16			
	To Kwa Wan Market						3	12			
	Hung Hom Market						3	15			
	On Ching Road Flower Market										
Yau Tsim	Kwun Chung Market	1	1	1	1	3	15				
	Yau Ma Tei Market				1	2	9				
	Haiphong Road Temporary Market				1	2	6				
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok Market	1	1	1		4	2	23			
	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market			1	3	2	6				
	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market					2	4				
	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market		1	1	2	2	2				
	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market					2	2				

District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff	
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / Toilet Attendant	
	Lei Yue Mun Market						2	5	
	Shui Wo Street Market			1		5	2	22	
	Yee On Street Market					1	2	13	
Sham Shui Po	Po On Road Market	1	2	1	3		3	21	
	Pei Ho Street Market						2	15	
	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market						2	7	
	Lai Wan Market							7	
	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market						2	2	
Wong Tai Sin	Tai Shing Street Market	1	1	1	1		5	34	
	Choi Hung Road Market				1	2	13		
	Ngau Chi Wan Market		1			1	3	25	
	Sheung Fung Street Market					1	3	11	
Mong Kok	Fa Yuen Street Market	1	1	1	1		3	10	
	Tai Kok Tsui Market				1	2	11		
	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market				1	2	5		
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung Market	1	1	1		3	1	17	
	Wing Fong Street Market					3	1	9	
	Tsing Yi Market					3	1	9	
	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market							2	
	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market						2	1	
	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market							1	1
	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market							2	1
	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food								1

District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / Toilet Attendant
	Market							
Tsuen Wan	Yeung UK Road Market	1	1	4	0	3	2	40
	Tsuen King Circuit Market				0	3	2	12
	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market				0	2	0	2
	Heung Che Street Market		1		0	3	2	8
	Sham Tseng Temporary Market				0	2	0	2
	Tsuen Wan Market				0	3	2	25
Tuen Mun	San Hui Market	1	1	1	4	4	4	11
	Lam Tei Market						4	8
	Yan Oi Market						4	1
	Kin Wing Market							1
	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market							1
	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market							1
Tai Po	Tai Po Hui Market	1	1	1	3	4	4	33
	Plover Cove Road Market						2	10
North	Shek Wu Hui Market	1	1	1	3	5	5	21
	Luen Wo Hui Market						4	21
	Sha Tau Kok Market						2	2
	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre						2	3
Sai Kong	Sai Kung Market	1	1	1	0	4	3	16
	Tui Min Hoi Market						4	4
Yuen Long	Tai Kiu Market	1	1	1	1	2	2	15
	Tung Yick Market						2	19
	Hung Shui Kiu Temporary Market				1	1	2	3
	Kam Tin Market					3	3	

District	Market	Management staff						Cleansing staff
		Senior Health Inspector	Health Inspector	Overseer	Foreman	Market Assistant	Contract Supervisor	Workman / Toilet Attendant
	Lau Fau Shan Market		1					1
	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market							2
	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market							4
	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market							2
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Market	1	1	1	0	7	1	2
	Tai Wai Market							13
	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market							8
	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market							3
	Total	19	26	27	43	81	188	976

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)152

(Question Serial No. 0383)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the work of continuing to improve the management and upgrade the facilities of public markets, please provide information on the following:

- (a) the number of stalls, occupancy rate, vacancy rate and average stall rental per square metre of individual public markets (listed by air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned markets) in the territory over the past three years (i.e. 2012, 2013 and 2014); and
- (b) given that at present, a support rate of 85% or above among stallholders is needed for undertaking the retrofitting of air-conditioning in a public market, the support rate in each of the currently non-air-conditioned public markets.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is set out at Annex I.
- (b) Under the current practice, when there is a request for retrofitting of air-conditioning system at a public market, the request will first be discussed at the meeting of the relevant Market Management Consultative Committee ("MMCC"). If there is a consensus among members of the MMCC that the request should be further explored, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct a questionnaire survey to gauge the extent of support for the request among the market tenants. If 85% or more of the tenants support the proposal, the Government will consider undertaking a detailed technical feasibility study. Taking into consideration the findings of the technical feasibility, length of business disruption, tenants' views, etc., the Government will decide if there is a case for making resources arrangements for retrofitting the air-conditioning systems. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, questionnaire surveys on the retrofitting of air-conditioning systems were conducted in four markets and the results are set out at Annex II.

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Serial No.	Name of Market	Provision of Air-conditioning (A/C) system	No. of stalls			Occupancy rate as at 31 December			Vacancy rate as at 31 December			Average monthly rental per square meter of stall (\$/sq.m)		
			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
1	Bowrington Road Market	only in CFC	296	296	296	99%	100%	99%	1%	0%	1%	396	402	457
2	Hung Hom Market	only in CFC	224	224	224	97%	99%	100%	3%	1%	0%	204	198	204
3	Java Road Market	only in CFC	194	194	194	97%	95%	97%	3%	5%	3%	369	365	397
4	Lockhart Road Market	only in CFC	166	166	166	90%	89%	89%	10%	11%	11%	260	285	292
5	Pei Ho Street Market	only in CFC	227	227	227	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	232	241	255
6	Sai Wan Ho Market	only in CFC	274	274	274	96%	96%	98%	4%	4%	2%	318	320	331
7	Sheung Wan Market	only in CFC	222	223	222	91%	92%	98%	9%	8%	2%	186	186	188
8	Smithfield Market	only in CFC	214	215	216	100%	99%	100%	0%	1%	0%	202	204	210
9	Tai Shing Street Market	only in CFC	446	446	446	97%	95%	94%	3%	5%	6%	320	316	317
10	Tokwawan Market	only in CFC	267	267	267	98%	100%	99%	2%	0%	1%	344	343	343
11	Wong Nai Chung Market	only in CFC	69	69	69	94%	97%	99%	6%	3%	1%	251	242	254
12	Aldrich Bay Market	yes	71	71	71	62%	80%	82%	38%	20%	18%	833	793	788
13	Apleichau Market	yes	59	63	63	100%	92%	98%	0%	8%	2%	223	216	228
14	Centre Street Market	yes	47	47	47	77%	77%	74%	23%	23%	26%	389	409	412
15	Chai Wan Market	yes	173	173	173	94%	95%	94%	6%	5%	6%	418	422	424

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
16	Lei Yue Mun Market	yes	20	20	20	85%	80%	100%	15%	20%	0%	264	266	267
17	Luen Wo Hui Market	yes	338	338	338	92%	96%	97%	8%	4%	3%	434	412	400
18	Mong Kok Cooked Food Market	yes	14	14	14	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	988	988	988
19	Peng Chau Market	yes	18	18	18	89%	89%	89%	11%	11%	11%	92	92	92
20	Queen Street Cooked Food Market	yes	11	11	11	82%	91%	91%	18%	9%	9%	811	1146	1,146
21	Sai Ying Pun Market	yes	98	102	102	91%	88%	88%	9%	12%	12%	260	264	267
22	San Hui Market	yes	324	324	324	98%	98%	99%	2%	2%	1%	561	561	565
23	Sha Tin Market	yes	173	173	172	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	965	970	977
24	Shek Wu Hui Market	yes	392	392	392	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	364	370	370
25	Tai Kiu Market	yes	379	379	379	97%	96%	98%	3%	4%	2%	584	585	598
26	Tai Kok Tsui Market	yes	135	135	135	99%	100%	99%	1%	0%	1%	418	427	428
27	Tai Po Hui Market	yes	313	313	313	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	610	607	605
28	Tsing Yi Market	yes	74	76	76	89%	95%	91%	11%	5%	9%	987	959	970
29	Wanchai Market	yes	50	50	50	100%	98%	100%	0%	2%	0%	882	884	989
30	Yan Oi Market	yes	108	108	108	97%	99%	99%	3%	1%	1%	407	407	407

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
31	Yee On Street Market	yes	65	65	65	83%	88%	98%	17%	12%	2%	225	232	228
32	Yue Wan Market	yes	374	374	374	92%	94%	94%	8%	6%	6%	468	462	469
33	Aberdeen Market	no	335	335	335	97%	97%	99%	3%	3%	1%	633	626	632
34	Causeway Bay Market	no	51	51	51	94%	98%	100%	6%	2%	0%	153	153	158
35	Chai Wan Kok Cooked Food Market	no	32	32	32	97%	100%	100%	3%	0%	0%	181	192	218
36	Cheung Chau Cooked Food Market	no	17	17	17	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	173	173	173
37	Cheung Chau Market	no	237	237	237	99%	98%	100%	1%	2%	0%	178	178	184
38	Cheung Sha Wan Cooked Food Market	no	28	28	28	43%	43%	43%	57%	57%	57%	168	168	168
39	Cheung Tat Road Cooked Food Market	no	12	12	12	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	169	169	169
40	Choi Hung Road Market	no	116	116	116	91%	79%	78%	9%	21%	22%	150	148	148
41	Electric Road Market	no	96	99	99	86%	98%	98%	14%	2%	2%	188	192	191
42	Fa Yuen Street Market	no	180	180	180	100%	99%	98%	0%	1%	2%	520	530	528

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
43	Fo Tan (East) Cooked Food Market	no	24	24	24	100%	96%	100%	0%	4%	0%	293	294	309
44	Fo Tan (West) Cooked Food Market	no	15	15	15	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	222	222	222
45	Haiphong Road Temporary Market	no	88	88	88	66%	66%	66%	34%	34%	34%	319	319	319
46	Heung Che Street Market	no	223	223	223	93%	99%	99%	7%	1%	1%	270	269	278
47	Hung Cheung Cooked Food Market	no	11	11	11	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	354	343	343
48	Hung Shui Kiu Market	no	215	215	215	40%	39%	38%	60%	61%	62%	153	235	237
49	Ka Ting Cooked Food Market	no	17	17	16	100%	88%	81%	0%	12%	19%	597	602	377
50	Kam Tin Market	no	41	41	41	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	83	83	83
51	Kik Yeung Road Cooked Food Market	no	14	14	14	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	392	392	392
52	Kin Wing Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	20	80%	80%	85%	20%	20%	15%	248	299	320

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
53	Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market	no	14	14	14	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	135	135	135
54	Kowloon City Market	no	581	581	581	97%	98%	98%	3%	2%	2%	271	278	276
55	Kut Shing Street Cooked Food Market	no	11	11	11	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	162	162	162
56	Kwai Shun Street Cooked Food Market	no	12	12	12	100%	100%	92%	0%	0%	8%	153	162	158
57	Kwu Tung Market Shopping Centre	no	98	98	98	100%	100%	99%	0%	0%	1%	51	52	53
58	Kwun Chung Market	no	218	218	218	97%	98%	99%	3%	2%	1%	158	162	172
59	Kwun Tong Ferry Concourse Cooked Food Market	no	29	29	29	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	99	99	99
60	Lai Wan Market	no	42	42	42	98%	98%	98%	2%	2%	2%	712	695	670
61	Lam Tei Market	no	7	7	7	86%	100%	86%	14%	0%	14%	57	59	58
62	Lau Fau Shan Market	no	25	25	25	88%	88%	88%	12%	12%	12%	32	32	32
63	Mui Wo Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	20	90%	100%	100%	10%	0%	0%	123	148	148

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
64	Mui Wo Market	no	33	33	35	94%	97%	100%	6%	3%	0%	177	176	182
65	Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market	no	28	28	28	96%	89%	89%	4%	11%	11%	472	477	467
66	Ngau Chi Wan Market	no	403	402	402	92%	94%	95%	8%	6%	5%	339	357	357
67	Ngau Tau Kok Market	no	466	466	466	84%	87%	88%	16%	13%	12%	477	478	481
68	North Kwai Chung Market	no	222	222	222	85%	92%	97%	15%	8%	3%	292	280	279
69	North Point Market	no	42	42	42	98%	98%	90%	2%	2%	10%	177	177	170
70	On Ching Road Flower Market	no	13	13	13	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	167	167	167
71	Plover Cove Road Market	no	244	244	244	98%	99%	99%	2%	1%	1%	206	211	225
72	Po On Road Market	no	449	449	449	86%	90%	94%	14%	10%	6%	415	411	402
73	Quarry Bay Market	no	115	115	113	76%	83%	93%	24%	17%	7%	236	224	224
74	Sai Kung Market	no	209	209	209	99%	99%	100%	1%	0%	0%	216	224	226
75	Sha Tau Kok Market	no	66	66	66	92%	94%	100%	8%	6%	0%	23	24	22

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
76	Sham Tseng Temporary Market	no	29	29	29	76%	76%	100%	24%	24%	0%	102	102	110
77	Shaukeiwan Market	no	82	82	82	66%	56%	56%	34%	44%	44%	128	130	130
78	Shek Tong Tsui Market	no	153	151	151	95%	99%	97%	5%	1%	3%	229	231	234
79	Sheung Fung Street Market	no	71	71	71	99%	100%	100%	1%	0%	0%	234	233	234
80	Shui Wo Street Market	no	302	302	302	93%	98%	99%	7%	2%	1%	634	622	633
81	Stanley Waterfront Mart	no	20	20	20	100%	90%	95%	0%	10%	5%	1,421	1,498	1,543
82	Sze Shan Street Cooked Food Market	no	17	17	17	100%	100%	88%	0%	0%	12%	504	505	460
83	Tai O Market	no	26	26	26	85%	96%	85%	15%	4%	15%	60	54	57
84	Tai Tong Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	237	237	237
85	Tai Wai Market	no	195	195	195	91%	90%	90%	9%	10%	10%	522	523	520
86	Tai Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	20	20	20	100%	90%	100%	0%	10%	0%	41	41	42
87	Tang Lung Chau Market	no	34	34	34	100%	100%	97%	0%	0%	3%	345	345	349

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
88	Tin Wan Market	no	171	180	180	97%	97%	100%	3%	3%	0%	167	174	179
89	Tsing Yeung Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	100%	100%	98%	0%	0%	2%	157	157	151
90	Tsuen King Circuit Market	no	241	241	241	34%	31%	24%	66%	69%	76%	73	73	76
91	Tsuen Wan Market	no	381	381	381	94%	94%	96%	6%	6%	4%	399	385	383
92	Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market	no	56	56	56	98%	100%	100%	2%	0%	0%	107	111	111
93	Tui Min Hoi Market	no	34	34	34	94%	100%	100%	6%	0%	0%	49	45	45
94	Tung Chau Street Temporary Market	no	358	359	359	51%	50%	50%	49%	50%	50%	187	187	191
95	Tung Yick Market	no	446	446	446	43%	43%	42%	57%	57%	58%	217	217	217
96	Tung Yuen Street Cooked Food Market	no	8	8	8	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	55	55	55
97	Wing Fong Street Market	no	112	112	112	96%	92%	93%	4%	8%	7%	308	290	307
98	Wo Yi Hop Road Cooked Food Market	no	18	18	18	100%	89%	94%	0%	11%	6%	154	154	177

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			2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
99	Yau Ma Tei Market	no	144	144	144	90%	91%	99%	10%	9%	1%	247	246	252
100	Yeung Uk Road Market	no	319	318	318	99%	100%	98%	1%	0%	2%	304	307	305
101	Yue Kwong Road Market	no	192	197	197	100%	96%	98%	0%	4%	2%	369	376	368

Remark:

CFC – Cooked Food Centre in Market

Serial No.	Name of Market	Year in which survey was conducted	Result of survey
1	Bowrington Road Market (excluding cooked food centre)	2013	60.0%
2	Sai Kung Market	2013	15.0%
3	Tsuen Wan Market	2014	66.7%
4	Tai Wai Market	2014	86.2% (Note)

Note:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has requested the Architectural Services Department to conduct a preliminary technical study on the retrofitting of air-conditioning system in Tai Wai Market.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 0384)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “continue to take forward the assistance scheme for hawker licensees to improve the fire safety and operating environment of fixed-pitch hawker areas”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- the latest position of the assistance scheme in the table below:

Item	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of hawkers applied	Number of hawkers approved	Expenditure required
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences				
Relocation of stalls				
In-situ reconstruction of stalls				

- the take-up rate of the assistance scheme in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas covered by the scheme;

- the number of licensed hawkers operating in the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas before and after the implementation of the assistance scheme in the table below:

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees		
		Cabinet -type	HPP-type	Total	Cabinet -type	HPP-type	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street						
	Marble Street						
	Kam Wa Street						
	Tai Tak Street						
	Mong Lung Street						
	Subtotal						
Central & Western	Pottinger Street						
	Graham Street						
	Gage Street						
	Li Yuen Street East						
	Li Yuen Street West						
	Peel Street						
	Wing Kut Street						
	Upper Lascar Row						
	Man Wa Lane						
	Subtotal						
Wan Chai	Gresson Street						
	Cross Street						
	Tai Yuen Street						
	Jardine's Crescent						
	Subtotal						
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street						
	Pak Hoi Street						
	Saigon Street						
	Canton Road						
	Bowring Street						
	Temple Street						
Subtotal							

Mongkok	Tung Choi Street						
	Canton Road						
	Fife Street						
	Yin Chong Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Poplar Street						
	Fa Yuen Street						
	Nelson Street						
	Subtotal						
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street						
	Fat Tseung Street						
	Cheung Fat Street						
	Fuk Wa Street						
	Fuk Wing Street						
	Pei Ho Street						
	Apliu Street						
	Ki Lung Street						
	Tai Nan Street						
	Kweilin Street						
	Subtotal						
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street						
	Subtotal						
	Total No. of Stalls :						

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annexes 1-3.

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**The Latest Position of the Assistance Scheme
(as at 28.2.2015)**

Item	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of hawkers who applied	Number of applications approved	Expenditure required
Voluntary surrender of hawker licences	4 202	378	369	\$44,280,000
Relocation of stalls	496	330	118#	\$5,443,400
In-situ reconstruction of stalls	3 839	751	202#	\$7,268,200

Payment for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

Take-up Rate of the Assistance Scheme in Each of the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas Covered by the Scheme (as at 28.2.2015)

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls (a)	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications (b)	Number of Relocation Applications (c)	Number of In-situ Reconstruction Applications (d)	Take-up Rate (e) = [(b)+(c) + (d)]/(a)
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	10	5	4	20%
	Marble Street	124	30	5	4	31%
	Kam Wa Street	111	12	5	0	15%
	Tai Tak Street	28	8	0	1	32%
	Mong Lung Street	21	6	0	0	29%
	Sub-total	377	66	15	9	24%
Central and Western	Pottinger Street	47	6	1	5	26%
	Graham Street	55	7	6	8	38%
	Gage Street	15	4	0	6	67%
	Li Yuen Street East	63	5	12	46	100%
	Li Yuen Street West	58	5	20	33	100%
	Peel Street	43	12	2	10	56%
	Wing Kut Street	34	1	6	4	32%
	Upper Lascar Row	13	1	0	4	38%
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	2	0	6%
	Sub-total	360	41	49	116	57%
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	51	8	0	3	22%
	Cross Street	71	1	2	0	4%
	Tai Yuen Street	76	0	2	2	5%

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls (a)	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications (b)	Number of Relocation Applications (c)	Number of In-situ Reconstruction Applications (d)	Take-up Rate (e) = [(b)+(c) + (d)]/(a)
	Jardine's Crescent	162	5	26	3	21%
	Sub-total	360	14	30	8	14%
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	233	43	19	8	30%
	Pak Hoi Street	16	3	0	0	19%
	Saigon Street	19	1	0	0	5%
	Canton Road	36	17	1	0	50%
	Bowring Street	100	7	7	9	23%
	Temple Street	323	9	5	29	13%
	Sub-total	727	80	32	46	22%
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	698	36	0	0	5%
	Canton Road	317	32	21	21	23%
	Fife Street	29	6	2	5	45%
	Yin Chong Street	78	7	6	1	18%
	Ki Lung Street	20	11	2	1	70%
	Poplar Street	12	5	1	0	50%
	Fa Yuen Street	220	1	31	175	94%
	Nelson Street	63	9	0	0	14%
	Sub-total	1 437	107	63	203	26%
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	71	18	1	2	30%
	Fat Tseung Street	47	9	5	4	38%
	Cheung Fat Street	65	17	3	1	32%
	Fuk Wa Street	166	5	30	61	58%

District	Location of Hawker Areas	Number of Hawker Stalls (a)	Number of Ex-gratia Payment Applications (b)	Number of Relocation Applications (c)	Number of In-situ Reconstruction Applications (d)	Take-up Rate (e) = [(b)+(c) + (d)]/(a)
	Fuk Wing Street	40	1	7	7	38%
	Pei Ho Street	154	4	12	8	16%
	Apliu Street	221	9	52	147	94%
	Ki Lung Street	135	4	7	46	42%
	Tai Nan Street	63	0	9	35	70%
	Kweilin Street	58	0	8	46	93%
	Sub-total	1 020	67	134	357	55%
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	3	7	12	41%
	Sub-total	54	3	7	12	41%
	Total:	4 335	378	330	751	34%

Annex 3

Licensed Hawkers Operating in the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas before and after the Implementation of the Assistant Scheme

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees# (as at 28.2.2015)		
		Cabinet -type	HPP-type@	Total	Cabinet -type	HPP-type@	Total
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	84	0	84
	Marble Street	124	0	124	95	0	95
	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	19	79	98
	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	19	1	20
	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	12	15
	Subtotal	267	110	377	220	92	312
Central & Western	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	42	0	42
	Graham Street	35	20	55	31	17	48
	Gage Street	15	0	15	11	0	11
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	58	0	58
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53
	Peel Street	36	7	43	29	4	33
	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	30	2	32
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	32	0	32
	Subtotal	331	29	360	298	23	321
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	46	5	51	40	4	44
	Cross Street	60	11	71	60	10	70
	Tai Yuen Street	5	71	76	5	71	76
	Jardine's Crescent	162	0	162	157	0	157
Subtotal	273	87	360	262	85	347	

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees# (as at 28.2.2015)		
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	156	34	190
	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13
	Saigon Street	19	0	19	18	0	18
	Canton Road	32	4	36	18	2	20
	Bowring Street	100	0	100	94	0	94
	Temple Street	34	289	323	33	281	314
	Subtotal	381	346	727	326	323	649
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	662	662
	Canton Road	317	0	317	286	0	286
	Fife Street	29	0	29	28	0	28
	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	71	0	71
	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	11	0	11
	Poplar Street	12	0	12	7	0	7
	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	220	0	220
	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	54	54
	Subtotal	676	761	1 437	623	716	1 339
	Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	5	49
Fat Tseung Street		27	20	47	23	15	38
Cheung Fat Street		54	11	65	39	9	48
Fuk Wa Street		166	0	166	161	0	161
Fuk Wing Street		0	40	40	0	39	39
Pei Ho Street		124	30	154	120	30	150
Apliu Street		179	42	221	169	42	211
Ki Lung Street		39	96	135	38	93	131
Tai Nan Street		2	61	63	2	61	63
Kweilin Street		0	58	58	0	58	58
Subtotal	596	424	1 020	557	396	953	

District	Location of fixed pitches	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees# (as at 28.2.2015)		
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	51	0	51
	Subtotal	54	0	54	51	0	51
	Total No. of Stalls :	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 337	1 635	3 972

The figures have included six fixed-pitch hawkers relocated from other on-street pitches due to various reasons such as building redevelopment in the vicinity.

@ Hawker Permitted Place-type.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)154

(Question Serial No. 0385)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the expenditure and number of licences involved each year since the implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002 in the table below:

Year	Expenditure on the Voluntary Surrender Scheme	Number of "Dai Pai Tong" licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of "Dai Pai Tong" licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered	Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007					
2008					
2009					
2010					
2011					
2012					
2013					
2014					

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

Information on Expenditure and Number of Hawker Licences involved since the Implementation of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme in 2002

Year	Expenditure of the Voluntary Surrender Scheme	Number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences voluntarily surrendered ¹	Total number of “Dai Pai Tong” licences	Number of Itinerant Hawker Licences voluntarily surrendered ²	Total number of Itinerant Hawker Licences
2002	\$0	0	161	0	1 006
2003	\$3,960,000	5	153	138	858
2004	\$2,370,000	13	135	62	787
2005	\$1,620,000	8	119	47	726
2006	\$1,470,000	5	113	48	673
2007	\$1,890,000	6	107	71	600
2008	\$810,000	N/A	105	47	546
2009	\$480,000	N/A	104 ³	30	535
2010	\$690,000	N/A	105	28	522
2011	\$510,000	N/A	103	17	505
2012	\$780,000	N/A	98	26	470
2013	N/A	N/A	97	N/A	455
2014	N/A	N/A	95	N/A	442

Note:

1. Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food/Light Refreshment) Hawker Licences (for on-street pitches and cooked food hawker bazaars) was administered for five years from 1 December 2002 to 30 November 2007.
2. Voluntary Surrender Scheme for Itinerant Hawker Licences was administered for ten years from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2012.
3. One licence was cancelled due to the death of a licensee in 2009 but the licence was succeeded by the spouse of the deceased licensee in the following year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)155

(Question Serial No. 0386)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the supply of livestock and poultry, please advise:

- (a) on the average, highest and lowest daily number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland and supplied locally in each of the past three years (2012, 2013 and 2014), with a breakdown by year and source of supply;
- (b) on the monthly average price of live pigs and live cattle supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in each of the past three years (2012, 2013 and 2014); and
- (c) whether the Department will consider the proposal to separate local live chickens from those imported from the Mainland; if yes, the details and the estimated expenditure involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

- (a) Information on the number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Daily number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens imported from the Mainland								
	Pigs			Cattle			Chickens		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2012	4 210	5 960	1 513	71	161	12	6 751	9 000	3 400
2013	4 317	5 565	1 942	52	116	8	6 307	9 600	2 300
2014	4 452	6 298	2 597	51	110	9	2 499	10 200	1 500

Information on the number of live pigs, live cattle and live chickens supplied from local farms in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Daily number of live pigs, live cattle ^(Note) and live chickens supplied from local farms					
	Pigs			Chickens		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
2012	266	644	31	11 151	62 157	3 900
2013	264	529	24	10 546	69 956	2 000
2014	240	432	43	10 961	36 675	4 100

Note: Local farms are not engaged in rearing cattle as food animals.

- (b) Information on the monthly auction or wholesale prices of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Monthly average auction/wholesale prices per picul of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland		
	Monthly Average Auction Price of Pig (HK\$)	Monthly Average Wholesale Price of Cattle (HK\$)	
		Marbled Meat Cattle	Beef Cattle
2012	1,329	3,601	3,291
2013	1,350	4,497	4,093
2014	1,253	4,690	4,070

- (c) Over the past decade or so, the Government and the local live poultry industry, as well as the Mainland inspection and quarantine authorities and the farms supplying Hong Kong, have collaboratively built up a resilient and stringent system for the surveillance and control of avian influenza (AI), for the purpose of reducing the AI risks in Hong Kong. All live poultry supplied to Hong Kong markets, whether locally reared or imported, are subject to stringent inspection and quarantine procedures. Health certificates will be issued only if the testing results are satisfactory. Prior to leaving the farm, the poultry are put under quarantine for five days and are required to pass Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and serology tests for AI. In other words, before the imported live poultry are delivered to Hong Kong, they have passed the testing by relevant inspection and quarantine authorities and are granted health certificates with satisfactory testing results. When the live poultry arrive in Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will collect swab and blood samples from the live poultry at the Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station and pass the samples to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)'s Veterinary Laboratory for testing. The imported poultry are then sent to the wholesale market and held there. They would not be released to the retail outlets until after the testing results are known. The testing system is designed to provide an additional safeguard to reduce the risk of infected poultry entering our retail markets.

In the light of the detection of H7 AI virus in certain samples in a consignment of imported live chickens on 27 January 2014, there were suggestions that we should

segregate the imported and local live poultry and hold the imported poultry at a suitable location until the AI testing results are available before releasing them to the wholesale market.

After assessing various proposals, the Government decided to set up a check-point for local live poultry at the Government farm in Ta Kwu Ling (TKL). The TKL Check-point was put to use for the first time in January 2015 following another AI incident involving imported live poultry on 30 December 2014.

The Government has been looking for an appropriate site for relocating the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market but this has met with difficulties. It is impracticable to expect that we would be able to identify an additional site solely for the holding of imported live poultry. Indeed, contact with infected live poultry is the main source of risk insofar as human infection by AI is concerned. The Government is commissioning a consultancy study on the future of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)156

(Question Serial No. 0399)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (3), it is stated that the Department will take action to close public markets which are under-utilised in the coming year. Please advise:

1. on the locations of the public markets to be closed in the coming year and the number of market stalls that will be affected; whether the Department will consider improving the design of the under-utilised public markets to enhance patronage instead of closing them; and
2. whether the Department will, in the coming year, improve the design of six markets (Tsuen Wan Market, Yau Ma Tei Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Sheung Fung Street Market in Diamond Hill, Lockhart Road Market in Wan Chai and Wing Fong Street Market in Kwai Chung), such as reconfiguration of floor drains and retrofitting of air-conditioning, as recommended in the Report of the Consultancy Study on Ways to Improve the Operating Environment of Public Markets completed earlier; if yes, the details including the expected completion date of the above improvement works and the expenditure and manpower to be involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows-

1. Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look into a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely

cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant district councils, etc.

2. In December 2013, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) commissioned a consultant for developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets thereby enabling them to fulfil the functions expected of them. The consultant has developed a set of criteria on the basis of which six markets have been selected for study. It has proposed improvement measures for these six markets which it has further proposed could serve as prototypes for improvement options for other markets. In January 2015, FHB, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the consultant briefed the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets (under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene) on the key findings of the consultancy study and the Government's preliminary thinking. The consultant is finalising the report with regard to the views and comments received.

The Government will further study the consultant's improvement options in consultation with the Architectural Services Department and other relevant government departments. In developing concrete proposals for individuals markets, we will consult the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees as appropriate and take into account tenants' views and any technical and operational constraints.

In 2015, we plan to put forward improvement proposals for a number of markets, which may provide reference for improvements to other public markets in future.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)157

(Question Serial No. 0657)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the indicator “vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office”, please provide information on the following:

- the reason(s) for the Department to increase the number to 35 000 for 2015 (Estimate) and the estimated expenditure involved;
- measures that are also taken for inspecting imported vegetables apart from the existing practice of conducting inspections at Man Kam To Food Control Office and the expenditure involved;
- whether the Department is aware that uninspected vegetables have been brought into the territory by individuals via the passenger channels at boundary control points other than those at Man Kam To for sale in markets; if yes, the details and the measures against such activities; and
- the quantity of uninspected vegetables seized when smuggled into the territory in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

The estimated number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2015 is 35 000 which represents a slight increase of less than 1% from the actual number of such vehicles inspected in 2014. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 for food import and export control is \$145.2 million. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure for inspection of vehicles carrying vegetables at Man Kam To Food Control Office.

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) and the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) have been working together closely. They conduct joint operations from time to time to inspect vehicles carrying vegetables at the Man Kam To Boundary Control Point (MKTBCP).

C&ED would refer any suspicious vehicles carrying vegetables via other control points to CFS. CFS does not keep a separate breakdown on the expenditure involved. The Airport Food Inspection Offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department inspects vegetables imported via air.

CFS is mindful of the cases where vegetables are brought, in the name of self-consumption, into Hong Kong by travellers via the Lo Wu Control Point. CFS maintains close liaison with C&ED and exchanges intelligence on activities of importing vegetables through control points other than MKTBCP. To intercept such activities, C&ED and CFS conduct joint operations from time to time. In the past five years (2010-2014), CFS had not intercepted any vegetables imported through control points other than MKTBCP.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)158

(Question Serial No. 0659)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Administration will “follow through the implementation of measures to improve the operation of the liquor licensing regime”. Please advise on the following:

- the number of liquor licences granted by the Liquor Licensing Board and the expenditure involved in each of the past five years (from 2010 to 2014);
- the estimated expenditure to be involved if the maximum validity period of a liquor licence is to be extended from one year to two years as proposed by the Administration;
- the number of liquor licence applications which drew objections and were subsequently refused in each of the past five years (from 2010 to 2014).

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The number of liquor licences granted, and applications for new issue and renewal of licence refused by the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) in each of the past five years is provided as follows -

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total number of liquor licences granted (including newly issued and renewed licences)	6 424	6 395	6 781	6 807	7 488
Total number of applications (for new issue and renewal of liquor licence) refused	27	36	34	42	28

40 staff in the three licensing offices in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are responsible for handling liquor licence applications as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved in the handling of liquor licence applications and appeals. In addition, nine staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the LLB. The expenditure involved in manning the LLB Secretariat in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (revised estimate) was \$3.9 million, \$4.5 million, \$4.9 million, \$5.1 million and \$5.6 million respectively.

The estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$5.7 million. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure to be incurred in implementing the legislative amendments, to extend the maximum validity period of a liquor licence from one year to two years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)159

(Question Serial No. 3223)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Under Programme (1), it is stated that in addition to the 64 387 and 64 219 food samples taken by the Department for testing in 2013 and 2014 respectively, another 56 382 samples and 61 459 samples have been taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in 2013 and 2014 respectively in connection with the Japan nuclear power plant incident in March 2011. Please provide information on the manpower and expenditure involved in the past two years for the testings mentioned above; the number of unsatisfactory food samples detected in 2013 and 2014 respectively; the number of samples of imported Japanese food detected with unsatisfactory radiation level; and the estimated number of imported Japanese food samples to be taken for radiation testing, as well as the manpower and expenditure to be involved, in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The expenditure on food surveillance in 2012-13 and 2013-14 was \$54.7 million and \$57.3 million respectively. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$60.4 million, and the estimated expenditure for 2015-16 is \$71.3 million. The manpower establishment of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) in carrying out the above work in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 was 112, 115, 115 and 115 respectively. The number of unsatisfactory food samples is kept on a calendar year basis. In 2013 and 2014, the number of food samples found to be unsatisfactory were 57 and 139 respectively.

No sample of imported Japanese food was detected with unsatisfactory radiation level in the past two years. The estimated number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in 2015 is about 62 000, which is similar to the actual number of 2014. The manpower for carrying out radiation examination work for Japanese food imported by sea in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 were 38 staff (including 24 non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff), 37 staff (including 23 NCSC staff) and 35 staff (including

21 NCSC staff) respectively. In 2015-16, 35 staff (including 21 NCSC staff) would be designated for carrying out radiation examination work for Japanese food imported by sea. The radiation examination work for Japanese food imported by air would continue to be conducted by the Airport Offices of CFS. In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, there were 51, 57 and 57 staff in the Airport Offices respectively. In 2015-16, there will be 57 staff in the Airport Offices. Separate breakdown on the manpower resources spent on radiation examination work for Japanese food imported by air is not readily available.

The expenditure on radiation testing at import level will be covered by the expenditure on food import and export control by CFS. The expenditure on that aspect in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are \$143.1 million and \$144.6 million respectively, and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is \$145.2 million. We do not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure for taking Japanese food samples for examination of radiation levels.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)160

(Question Serial No. 3049)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. With regard to conducting inspections of farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong, please provide information on the manpower required for each inspection, as well as the actual, revised and estimated expenditure for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.
2. It is stated that inspection to farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong is subject to the agreement of the relevant Mainland authority taking into account the corresponding risk assessments and actual circumstances. Please advise under what assessed risk level and actual circumstances the Department will deploy staff to conduct inspections to the farms concerned.
3. With regard to the inspections of registered vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, please advise on the manpower required for each inspection, as well as the actual, revised and estimated expenditure for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.
4. It is stated that the Department will conduct a comprehensive review of the food safety-related penalties. In this connection, please advise when the review will come to a close.
5. It is stated that the Department will start planning the second Hong Kong Food Consumption Survey. In this connection, please advise on the staff establishment to be engaged, the estimated expenditure for the whole survey, as well as the time of completion of the survey.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

1. An inspection unit comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one fisheries officer is responsible for inspection of food animal farms (including fish farms) outside Hong Kong, including the Mainland and overseas. Normally, a team of at least two staff would conduct a farm inspection. The actual expenditure for conducting farm inspections outside Hong Kong in 2013-14 was \$8.5 million, the revised estimate in 2014-15 is \$9.2 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is about \$10.2 million.
2. A plan for inspecting farms exporting food animals to Hong Kong is drawn up every year using a risk-based approach. The plan is subject to adjustment taking into account the actual circumstances that transpire in the course of time, including the import volume, previous testing laboratory results and frequency of visits.
3. The inspection of registered vegetable farms in the Mainland is carried out by a team led by an Agricultural Officer. The actual line-up for each inspection varies. We do not keep separate breakdown on the resources used for inspection of vegetable farms in the Mainland.
4. The Administration will conduct a comprehensive review of the food safety-related penalties under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Chapter 132) and its subsidiary legislation, as well as the Food Safety Ordinance (Chapter 612) in 2015-16. Depending on the progress of the review, we aim to come up with preliminary findings in 2015-16.
5. \$9.5 million has been earmarked for conducting the second Hong Kong Food Consumption Survey. The manpower required in planning the Survey will be absorbed from within existing resources. It is expected that the pilot study will be conducted in 2016 and the Survey completed in 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)161

(Question Serial No. 3138)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Regarding the operation of the Liquor Licensing Board, please advise on the staff establishment and the actual, revised and estimated expenditure for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16.
2. Please advise on the locations of the environmental hygiene blackspots in 2014 and 2015, as well as the corresponding measures taken by the Department in relation to these blackspots.
3. Please advise on the number of complaints against environmental nuisances caused by dripping air-conditioners and water seepage received in 2013 and 2014 respectively; among them, the number of cases where the nuisances were successfully abated; and the conditions under which a nuisance is considered to have been abated.
4. Regarding the sludge collected by gully emptiers, please advise on the reason(s) for the decrease of nearly 2 200 tonnes in the estimated volume for 2015 as compared with 2014.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

1. In the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), nine staff were/are deployed to provide secretariat support to the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. The actual expenditure in 2013-14, revised estimated expenditure in 2014-15 and estimated expenditure in 2015-16 involved in manning the LLB Secretariat was/is \$5.1 million, \$5.6 million and \$5.7 million respectively.

2. With a view to improving environmental hygiene and enhancing the roles of District Councils (DCs), the Department, in consultation with the relevant DCs, identified 94 hygiene blackspots in the territory in 2014 for enhanced clean-up operations. A list of the blackspots is given at Annex. The Department has yet to identify new hygiene blackspots in 2015.
3. The statistics on dripping air-conditioners are tabulated below -

	2013	2014
No. of complaints received	18 215	19 722
No. of nuisance notices issued	725	840
No. of nuisance notices not complied with	6	3

Water dripping nuisance from air-conditioners is considered as abated if the dripping water has been properly collected and drained away in such a manner as to not cause any nuisance to the public. In most cases, when the Department issues a rectification request (verbal warning or advisory letter) or nuisance notice after investigation, the flat owners or occupants would rectify the water dripping problem on their own accord. Where such is the case, no further follow-up action is required. If a nuisance notice is not complied with, we would instigate prosecution against the person to whom the nuisance notice was issued.

The statistics on water seepage cases are tabulated below -

	2013	2014
(a) Number of complaints received ⁽¹⁾	28 504	27 896
(b) Number of cases screened out ⁽²⁾	13 062	10 961
(c) Number of cases resolved		
(i) Number of cases with source of seepage identified and abatement action taken	4 692	4 816
(ii) Number of cases where seepage ceased during investigation	4 766	4 146
(d) Number of cases where investigation is ceased because the source of seepage cannot be identified after completion of tests	2 336	2 133

- (1) As there is a lapse of time between the receipt of a complaint and the completion of investigation work, the number of complaints handled in a year does not necessarily correspond to the number of complaints received in that year.
- (2) Cases where the complaints are falsified, the moisture content of the seepage area is less than 35%, the seepage has stopped or the complainants have withdrawn their complaints before investigation starts, etc. will be screened out by the Joint Office, and investigation will not be conducted.

For water seepage complaints, the nuisance is considered as abated if the defects leading to seepage identified have been rectified by the owners or occupants of the flat under complaint and the moisture content of the seepage area is less than 35%.

4. The estimated volume of sludge collected by gully emptiers in 2015 is, by weight, 40% less than that collected in 2014. This is mainly attributable to the fact that since July 2014 the Department has, upon the advice of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), stepped up actions to drain away the water content of collected sludge thoroughly before delivering it to the EPD's disposal site.

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List of Hygiene Blackspots in 2014

District	Location of Hygiene Blackspots
Central/ Western	Rear lane of Hang Yu Building, nos. 45-55, Cadogan Street, Kennedy Town
	Rear lane of nos. 5-21, Centre Street, Sai Ying Pun
	Tung Loi Lane and New Market Street, Sheung Wan
	Side lane at no. 14, North Street
	Hing Lung Street and Tit Hong Lane, Central
Wanchai	T-shape rear lane of Bowrington Road and Canal Road West
	Rear lane of nos. 477-491, Jaffe Road (near Shining Building)
	Open area in front of no. 2, O'Brien Road (Methadone Clinic)
	Surrounding of Gloucester Road Refuse Collection Point
	Rear lane of no. 6, Cannon Street
Eastern	Rear lanes of nos. 62-193, Sai Wan Ho Street (between Hoi Lee Street and Tai Cheong Street)
	Rear lanes and side lanes of nos. 121-147 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East (at side of Shau Kei Wan Market)
	Rear lanes and side lanes of Kam Wah Street (between Mong Lung Street and Aldrich Street)
	Rear lane and side lane of Marble Road (between Tong Shui Road and Shu Kuk Street)
	Rear lanes and side lanes of Chun Yeung Street (between Tong Shui Road and North Point Road)
Southern	Rear lane of nos. 53-81, Shek Pai Wan Road
	Rear lanes of Wu Nam Street
	Pavement at nos. 56-82 and nos. 112-158, Old Main Street Aberdeen (including Old Main Street Rest Garden)
	Side lane and staircase beside Manly House at nos. 115-117, Main Street, Ap Lei Chau

District	Location of Hygiene Blackspots
	Pavement at Stanley New Street near Stanley Market Road
Islands	Streets near exits of Tung Chung MTR Station
	Subway and pavements of both sides between Fu Tung Estate and Tung Chung Crescent, Man Tung Road and Yu Tung Road (Section near Yat Tung Estate), Tung Chung
	Tai San Praya Road (Section between Shing Cheong Lane and Siu Sik Lane), Cheung Chau
	Lung Tsai Tsuen and Tai Tsoi Yuen Road, Cheung Chau
Yau Tsim	Rear lane of nos. 171-181, Woosung Street, Jordan
	Rear lane of nos. 100-126, Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
	Rear lane of nos. 256-282, Reclamation Street, Yaumatei
	Kerb side and rear lane of nos. 46-58, Arthur Street, Yaumatei
	Rear lane of nos. 261-289, Temple Street, Jordan
Mong Kok	Rear lane between Oak Street and Pine Street
	Rear lane between nos. 1-5, Fa Yuen Street and Tung Choi Street
	Rear lane at Tak Cheung Building, 10-14, Fife Street
	Rear lane between Nelson Street and Nam Tau Street
	Rear lane between Chung Wui Street and Tai Tsun Street
Sham Shui Po	Rear lane of nos. 1-3, Un Chau Street and 18-20 Fuk Wing Street
	Rear lane of nos. 231-247, Un Chau Street (behind Yun Fat Building)
	Rear lane of nos. 31-33, Shek Kip Mei Street
	Rear lane of nos. 32-60, Fuk Wing Street
	Rear lane of nos. 287-327A, Tai Nan Street
Kowloon City	Section of To Kwa Wan Road, Mei King Street and Wai King Street next to Wyler Garden.
	Rear lanes near Maidstone Road

District	Location of Hygiene Blackspots
	Pavement of Hung Hom Road and Tai Wan Road (outside Hutchison Park)
	Pavement near Lux Theatre, Bulkeley Street
	Rear lane of Kar King Mansion, Baker Street, Hung Hom
Wong Tai Sin	Outside Lok Fu MTR Station (along Wang Tau Hom South Road)
	Ngau Chi Wan Village
	Yuk Wah Street and Yuk Wah Crescent
	Outside Wong Tai Sin MTR Station (at Ching Tak Street)
	Yin Hing Street, San Po Kong
Kwun Tong	Pavement and Sitting out area outside Block 3 of Yue Man Centre, Ngau Tau Kok
	Side lane and rear lane of Horse Shoe Lane, Ngau Tau Kok
	Rear lane of no. 94 Ting On Street
	Rear lane of no. 86B Ting On Street
	Pavement at Kung Lok Road from the junction of Kung Lok Road and Hong Ning Road to Kung Lok Road Playground
Kwai Tsing	Rear lane of Lai Fong Street
	Rear lane of Shing Fong Street
	Rear lane of Shek Yam Road
	Rear lane of Tai Ha Street
	Rear lane of Kwong Fai Circuit
Tsuen Wan	Pavement at Ma Sim Pai Road, near Pak Tin Pa Tsuen
	Pavement outside Block A, Allway Gardens, Tsuen King Circuit
	Lane at rear of no. 146E, Sha Tsui Road and Heung Wo Street
	Lane at rear of nos. 23-37, Shiu Wo Street
	Lane at rear of nos. 2-32, Hoi Pa Street

District	Location of Hygiene Blackspots
Tuen Mun	Tsing Ho Square and Tsing Shan Square
	Kai Man Path
	Wo Ping Path
	Leung Tak Street
	Yan Oi Tong Circuit
Yuen Long	Fook Tak Street
	Yuen Long New Street
	Fung Yau Street North
	Chun Yin Square
	Grandeur Terrace
North	Rear lane of nos. 17-35, Luen Hing Street, Fanling
	Rear lane of nos. 87-119, San Fung Avenue, Sheung Shui
	Rear lane of nos. 31-41, Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui
	Open space in front of no. 43, San Hong Street, Sheung Shui
	Pavement at no. 1 San Kung Street, Sheung Shui
Tai Po	Lane at rear of no. 75, Po Heung Street
	Pavement junction of Wai Shin Street and Wai Yee Street
	Lane at rear of no. 101, Luk Heung Lane
	Lane at rear of Kwong Fuk Square (near Kwong Fuk Lane)
	Lane at rear of Wan Tau Square (near Tai Wan Building)
Sha Tin	Chik Fai Street and Mei Tin Road
	Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai Road and rear lanes in the vicinity
	Yi Shing Square and Kong Pui Street
	On Yuen Street and On Chun Street (from Fok On Garden to Marbella)

District	Location of Hygiene Blackspots
	Open space at side of Tai Shui Hang Village refuse collection point
Sai Kung	Rear lane of King Man Street (between Siu Yat Building and Kam Po Court), Sai Kung
	Nin Chun Street, Sai Kung
	Pavement along Po Shun Road outside Chung Ming Court and the Hau Tak Shopping Centre and its vicinity, Tseung Kwan O
	Shek Kok Road, Tseung Kwan O
	Public Carpark at Chun Cheong Street, Tseung Kwan O

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)162

(Question Serial No. 3139)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

1. the Department's considerations for classifying a location as a hawker blackspot; the specific locations of the 45 hawker blackspots in 2015; the location(s) removed and the blackspot(s) newly identified as compared to the list of 2014;
2. the staff establishment and the actual, revised and estimated expenditure of the Hawker Control Teams for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and
3. the under-utilised public markets to be closed; the utilisation rate adopted as a criterion for determining whether a market is under-utilised; the specific measures implemented to enhance their utilisation rate before making the decision to close them; the expenditure involved in implementing the improvement measures in each of the past three years.

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

1. Hawker blackspots are locations where unlicensed hawkers congregate. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts quarterly surveys to identify and update the list of hawker blackspots. Whether a certain location is classified as a hawker blackspot depends on the number of unlicensed hawkers trading at the location at any one time of the day during the surveys. The Annex gives the locations of the 45 blackspots now on the list.
2. The establishment of hawker control grade staff (HCO) for 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is 2 209, 2 210 and 2 243 respectively.

The actual, revised and estimated expenditure on hawker management is as follows –

Year	Expenditure
2013-14	\$912.1 million (Actual)
2014-15	\$964.2 million (Revised Estimate)
2015-16	\$1,020.4 million (Estimate)

3. Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, the Department will look into a host of factors, including vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant district councils etc. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. The Government Property Agency may be requested to assist in identifying other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use. If the premises is by itself a stand-alone building, the Planning Department or Lands Department may be involved in exploring the long-term alternative use of the premises.

In the past three years, one market, viz. Bridges Street Market (the Market) was closed due to consistently high vacancy rate. The Market has been included into the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under which non-profit-making non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals to revitalize government owned historic buildings. Looking ahead, we shall continue to work with relevant Bureaux/Departments and district councils on identification of public markets that may be closed.

Closure of public markets is only one of the options to deal with under-utilised markets. As an on-going initiative, the Department conducts promotional activities to enhance the patronage of public markets. These include thematic exhibitions and workshops, festive celebration activities, display of multi-language recipes as well as publication of booklets and quarterly newsletters to provide updated market information. In addition, the Department will let out long-standing vacant stalls at reduced upset auction prices and introduce more service trade stalls to enhance the occupancy rate of public markets.

Furthermore, in addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Department carries out improvement works in relevant markets to enhance their operating environment. The works may include improvement to the drainage, ventilation, lighting, fire services, signage, replacement of floor tiles, refurbishment of toilets and provision of barrier free access.

The expenditure involved in improvement projects completed and market promotional activities pursued in the past three years to enhance the operating environment of public markets is set out as follows -

Year	Expenditure on market improvement projects (\$million)	Expenditure on market promotional activities (\$million)
2012-13	5.1	4
2013-14	22.2	4
2014-15 (Revised estimate)	9.5	4

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Location of Hawker Blackspots

District	Location
Central/Western	1. The vicinity of Statue Square and Former Legislative Council Building
	2. The vicinity of Charter Garden and Murray Road
	3. Footbridge along Connaught Road Central and its vicinity
Wan Chai	4. Wan Chai Road (between Johnston Road and Cross Street), Tai Yuen Street, Cross Street, Stone Nullah Lane (between Johnston Road and Cross Street) and the vicinity
	5. Bowrington Road (between Hennessy Road and Sharp Street West) and Wan Chai Road (between Canal Road West and Tin Lok Lane)
Eastern	6. Area near Chai Wan Market including the open space outside Walton Estate, Yee Shun Street, Yee Tai Street, Yee Fung Street and the lane in front of Winner Centre
	7. Kam Wa Street area including Mong Lung Street and Tai Tak Street
	8. Marble Road area including North Point MTR Exits, Kam Hong Street, Shu Kuk Street, a section of King's Road between Kam Hong Street and Tin Chiu Street as well as the vicinity of Java Road Market
	9. Chun Yeung Street area including North Point Road, Tong Shui Road, a section of King's Road around Kam Hong Street, and Fortress Hill MTR Exits
	10. Siu Sai Wan area along Siu Sai Wan Road from Bus Terminus up to Fullview Garden
	11. Kut Shing Street and Chai Wan Footbridge outside Chai Wan MTR Station
Southern	13. Pavement between Aberdeen West Typhoon Shelter and Aberdeen Promenade
Islands	14. The areas in the vicinity of Cheung Chau Ferry Pier and Praya Street, Cheung Chau
	15. The areas at the junction of Yat Tung Street and Chung Yan Road, Tung Chung, Lantau Island

District	Location
Yau Tsim Mong	16. Nathan Road section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	17. Sai Yeung Choi Street South section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
	18. The vicinity of FEHD Mong Kok Market bounded by Nelson Street, Canton Road, Argyle Street and Tong Mi Road
	19. Fa Yuen Street section between Nullah Road and Dundas Street
	20. Sai Yee Street section between Argyle Street and Soy Street
	21. Portland Street section between Argyle Street and Dundas Street
Sham Shui Po	22. Tung Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)
	23. Pei Ho Street (between Un Chau Street and Lai Chi Kok Road)
	24. Kweilin Street (between Apliu Street and Yu Chau Street)
Kowloon City	25. Bulkeley Street (between Gillies Ave South and Dock Street)
Wong Tai Sin	26. Tai Shing Street, Tai Tung Street and its vicinity
	27. Ngau Chi Wan Village and its vicinity
	28. Lung Cheung Road Shatin Pass Road
	29. Lok Fu MTR Station area near Wang Tau Hom East Road and its vicinity
	30. Ching Tak Street and its vicinity
	31. Tai Yau Street and its vicinity in San Po Kong Industrial Area
Kwun Tong	32. Tsun Yip Street/ How Ming Street / Hip Wo Street / Shui Wo Street / Hoi Yuen Road
	33. Footbridges of Telford Plaza linking Kowloon Bay MTR / Ngau Tau Kok Road of Amoy Plaza / Wang Hoi Road
	34. Lam Tin Estate passage way between Tak Tin Street & Ping Tin Street at side of Lam Tin Estate Bus Terminus
	35. On Wah Street / On Tak Road / Jordan Valley Road North / Ngau Tau Kok Road adjacent to Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate, Kwun Tong
Kwai Tsing	36. Sheung Ko Tan Street, Chung Mei Village, Tsing Yi
Tuen Mun	37. The vicinity of Sam Shing Estate
	38. Kai Man Path
	39. Mei Lok Lane

District	Location
Yuen Long	40. Hop Choi Street
North	41. Sheung Shui MTR Station & its vicinity (including surrounding footbridges, Choi Yuen Road and San Wan Road)
	42. Fanling MTR Station & its vicinity (including Fanling Station Road and from adjoining footbridge to Pak Wo Road and Yat Ming Road)
Sha Tin	43. Under flyover between Lung Hang Estate & Sun Chui Estate
	44. Near Fun City, Lek Yuen Street
	45. Mei Tin Road

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)163

(Question Serial No. 2618)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “assist the Food and Health Bureau...taking into account the recommendations of the consultancy study conducted in 2014”. The consultant has recommended developing improvement plans for six markets. In this connection, please advise on the progress of the improvement plan for each of the markets concerned, the expected timetable for commencement of the plans, and the manpower and expenditure involved. The consultant has also recommended a number of non-physical improvement measures (e.g. provision of ATM services). Please advise how the Department will take forward the non-physical improvement measures in other markets, and whether specific projects have been put in place.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

In December 2013, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) commissioned a consultant for developing proposals to improve the operating environment of public markets thereby enabling them to fulfil the functions expected of them.

The consultant has developed a set of criteria on the basis of which six markets have been selected for study. It has proposed improvement measures for these six markets which it has further proposed could serve as prototypes for improvement options for other markets. In January 2015, FHB, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the consultant briefed the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets (under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene) on the key findings of the consultancy study and the Government's preliminary thinking. The consultant is finalising the report with regard to the views and comments received.

The Government will further study the consultant's improvement options in consultation with the Architectural Services Department and other relevant government departments.

In developing concrete proposals for individual markets, we will consult the relevant Market Management Consultative Committees as appropriate and take into account tenants' views and any technical and operational constraints.

In 2015, we plan to put forward improvement proposals for a number of markets, which may provide reference for improvements to other public markets in future.

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FHB(FE)164

(Question Serial No. 2619)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Department's efforts to continue to improve the management of public markets and upgrade their facilities, it has earlier on planned to install exhaust fans in non-air-conditioned Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Cooked Food Centre. Did the Department enhance the ventilation of other non-air-conditioned markets in the past three years? If yes, please provide the projects undertaken, their effectiveness and the expenditure involved. As regards the coming year, please advise whether the Department has similar ventilation facilities retrofitting plans in venues other than Ngau Tau Kok Market and Shui Wo Street Cooked Food Centre.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

In the past three years, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department carried out improvement works to improve the ventilation of 33 non-air-conditioned markets. The cost of these improvement works was \$9.57 million. The works include the addition of wall-mounted fans, ceiling fans, propeller fans and air-coolers as well as replacement of fans, air-ducts, air units of Market Economic Air Treatment System, and cleaning of exhaust air-ducts etc. Similar enhancement works will be carried out in a number of non-air-conditioned markets in 2015-16, including To Kwa Wan Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market, Ngau Tau Kok Market, Shui Wo Street Market and Tai Wai Market to improve ventilation.

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FHB(FE)165

(Question Serial No. 2620)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated that the Department will “take action to close public markets which are under-utilised”. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (1) the criteria adopted by the Department in determining the closure of the markets; whether the Department has any plan regarding the uses of the vacant markets upon their closure; and
- (2) the number of markets that were closed in the past ten years; among them, the number of markets which have been converted to other uses and the details.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) Due to demographic changes, new development/redevelopment projects and competition from other fresh provision outlets, the appeal of some public markets has diminished thus leading to reduced patronage and high vacancy rates. When assessing the viability of such markets and considering whether they are to be closed, we will look into a host of factors, including its vacancy rate, prospects for improvement, availability of alternative sources of fresh provision outlets in the vicinity, the likely cost-effectiveness of upgrading works and the views of the relevant district councils, etc. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will consult the relevant District Council(s) and the affected market tenants on the possibility of closing down an under-utilised market if practical revitalisation measure could not be identified to keep the market on a viable footing. Where a market is closed and the premises is no longer required by the Department, the vacated building space will be handled according to established procedures. The Government Property Agency may

be requested to assist in identifying other government departments to put the premises to gainful long-term use. If the premises is by itself a stand-alone building, the Planning Department or the Lands Department may be involved in exploring the long term alternative use of the premises.

- (2) Five markets (namely, the Kimberley Street Market, Soy Street Temporary Cooked Food Market, Mong Kok Market, Kwong Choi Market and Bridges Street Market) were closed in the past ten years. All five sites were converted or designated for other uses. For instance, the site hitherto occupied by the Kimberly Street Market was converted to house the West Kowloon Office of the Immigration Department and Kowloon Births Registry, whereas the vacated Bridges Street Market has been included into the “Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme” under which non-profit-making non-government organizations are invited to submit proposals to revitalize government owned historic buildings. The sites of the remaining three markets have been included in the land sale programme of the Lands Department.

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FHB(FE)166

(Question Serial No. 2640)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the collection of household waste under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) information about public refuse collection points (RCPs) in operation in 2014-15, stating the name, location and area of each RCP, and whether it is installed with a mobile refuse compactor;
- 2) whether there is any plan to relocate the existing RCPs or build new ones in 2015-16; if yes, the details;
- 3) whether RCPs with sufficient space will be installed with mobile refuse compactors; if yes, the details of the plan and the expenditure to be involved; and
- 4) the number of contractors engaged by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to provide refuse collection services for the public, the service areas covered, the total number of staff involved and the total payment to various contractors in the past year.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has a total of 157 permanent off-street refuse collection points (RCPs) over the territory, 44 of which are provided with mobile refuse compactors. The particulars of these permanent off-street RCPs are given at Annex. Apart from permanent off-street RCPs, the

Department has 702 village-type RCPs and some 2 300 bin sites provided in villages and the rural areas.

- 2) In 2015-16, the Department has nine RCP projects under planning. These include the construction of one new RCP, in-situ reprovisioning of one RCP, and reprovisioning of seven RCPs at new sites due to development or public works at their original sites.
- 3) The Department will consider the provision of mobile refuse compactor in individual RCPs on the basis of operational needs and where the site situation permits.
- 4) Refuse collection service is provided both by in-house staff and contractor staff. At present, there are seven contractors with a total workforce of about 350 staff providing refuse collection service in the 18 districts. In 2014-15, the outsourced refuse collection service is estimated to entail an expenditure of \$146.8 million.

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List of Permanent Off-street Public Refuse Collection Points (RCPs)

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
Central/ Western	Shek Tong Tsui RCP	Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building, No. 470, Queen's Road West	430	Yes
	In Ku Lane RCP	No.8, In Ku Lane, Sheung Wan	364	Yes
	Man Kat Street RCP	Junction of Man Kat Street & Connaught Road Central	360	Yes
	Smithfield Municipal Services Building RCP	Basement, Smithfield Municipal Services Building, 12K Smithfield Road, Kennedy Town	360	-
	Third Street RCP	Junction of Third Street & Eastern Street, Sheung Wan	349	-
	Lan Kwai Fong RCP	At side of Lan Kwai Fong Sitting-out Area	312	Yes
	Sai Ying Pun Market RCP	No. 43-47, Centre Street, Sai Ying Pun	282	-
	Gage Street RCP	No. 38-42, Gage Street	280	-
	Arbuthnot Road RCP	Junction of Arbuthnot Road & Caine Road	280	-
	Lok Ku Road RCP	G/F, No. 21-23, Lok Ku Road, Sheung Wan	215	-
	Queensway Plaza RCP	Queensway Plaza	188	-
	Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building RCP	G/F, Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, No. 345, Queen's Road Central, Sheung Wan	156	-
	Centre Street RCP	Junction of Centre Street & First Street, Sheung Wan	151	-
	Peak Galleria RCP	Peak Galleria, near Bus Terminus	56	-
	Robinson Road RCP	Junction of Robinson Road & Castle Road	48	-
	Shing Wong Street RCP	Junction of Shing Wong Street & Bridges Street	19	-
	Kennedy Road RCP	Junction of Kennedy Road & Underneath of Cotton Tree Drive flyover	12	-
Eastern	Tanner Road RCP	No. 63, Tanner Road	435	Yes
	Tung Hei Road RCP	At side of No. 28, Tung Hei Road	389	-

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Hing Man Street RCP	Junction of Hing Man Street & Oi Yee Street	364	-
	Cheung Lee Street RCP	No. 30, Cheung Lee Street	280	-
	Sheung On Street RCP	At side of Chai Wan Fire Station, Sheung On Street	205	-
	Java Road RCP	No. 94, Java Road (G/F of Java Road Market)	170	Yes
	Wing Hing Street RCP	No. 15, Wing Hing Street	169	-
	Kam Wa Street RCP	Junction of Kam Wa Street & Wang Wa Street	104	-
	Sai Wan Ho Street RCP	No. 2A, Sai Wan Ho Street	98	-
	Oil Street RCP	No. 3, Oil Street	83	-
	Quarry Bay Market RCP	No. 38, Quarry Bay Street	70	-
	Mansion Street RCP	No. 41, Mansion Street	68	-
	Marble Road RCP	Marble Road opposite to King's Road Playground	319	-
Southern	Shek O RCP	Next to Shek O Main Beach Carpark	228	-
	Tin Wan Close RCP	Next to No.9, Tin Wan Close, Tin Wan	127	-
	Apleichau Municipal Services Building RCP	Apleichau Municipal Services Building, No.8, Hung Shing Street	110	-
	Stanley Beach Road RCP	Next to Carpark opposite to No.20, Stanley Beach Road	85	-
	Repulse Bay RCP	Next to No.33, Beach Road, Repulse Bay	84	-
	Tsung Man Street RCP	No.19, Tsung Man Street, Aberdeen	78	-
	Lee Nam Road RCP	Opposite to No.4, Lee Lok Street, Apleichau	69	-
Wanchai	Sing Woo Road RCP	Junction of Sing Woo Road & Yik Yam Street	304	Yes
	Cross Lane RCP	Junction of Cross Lane & Bullock Lane	263	-
	Spring Garden Lane RCP	Junction of Spring Garden Lane & Cross Street	257	Yes
	Luard Road RCP	Junction of Luard Road & Johnston Road	224	Yes

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Paterson Street RCP	Junction of Paterson Street & Gloucester Road	190	-
	Lockhart Road RCP	No. 224, Lockhart Road	167	-
	Star Street RCP	Junction of Star Street and Sun Street	131	-
	Gloucester Road RCP	Opposite to No. 250, Gloucester Road	104	Yes
	Shiu Fai Terrace RCP	Opposite to No. 7, Shiu Fai Terrace	99	-
Islands	Ngan Shue Street RCP	Ngan Shu Street, Mui Wo, Lantau	198	-
	Cheung Tung Road RCP	Cheung Tung Road, Tung Chung, Lantau	188	-
Kowloon City	Ma Tau Kok Road RCP	Ma Tau Kok Road	430	Yes
	Sung On Street RCP	No. 18, Sung On Street, Peninsula Square	350	-
	Baptist University Road RCP	Baptist University Road, opposite to Baptist University Block 6	295	-
	Tung Tsing Road RCP	Tung Tsing Road, at side of Kowloon Walled City Park	246	-
	Hok Yuen Street RCP	No.12A, Hok Yuen Street	230	-
	Kwei Chow Street RCP	Kwei Chow Street opposite to Vehicle Examination Centre	212	-
	Lung Kong Road RCP	No. 30-32, Lung Kong Road	210	-
	Peace Avenue RCP	Junction of Peace Avenue & Liberty Avenue	203	-
	Kowloon City Road RCP	No. 3, Kowloon City Road	201	-
	Cheung Ning Street RCP	Cheung Ning Street, at side of To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground	192	-
	Kowloon City Complex RCP	Hau Wong Road (Kowloon City Municipal Service Building)	184	Yes
	Baker Street RCP	No.65, Baker Street	170	Yes
	Shek Ku Lung Road RCP	Junction of Shek Ku Lung Road and Carpenter Road	155	-
	On Ching Road RCP	Junction of On Ching Road & Cheong Tung Road	116	-
	Broadcast Drive RCP	At side of No.63, Broadcast Drive, Peninsula Heights	93	-
Gillies Avenue RCP	Junction of Gillies Avenue South and Station Lane	80	-	

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Man Wan Road RCP	Man Wan Road, at side of Yu Chun Keung Memorial College	78	-
Kwun Tong	Yan Yue Wai RCP	Junction of Yan Yue Wai & Tung Yuen Street	360	-
	Lei Yue Mun RCP	Lei Yue Mun Municipal Services Building Lei Yue Mun	305	-
	Yuet Wah Street RCP	Opposite to No.16 Yuet Wah Street	305	-
	Kei Yip Street RCP	Kei Yip Lane	185	-
	Ting On Street RCP	Opposite to No.53-61, Ting On Street Ngau Tau Kok	130	-
	Lai Yip Street RCP	Junction of Lai Yip Street & Wai Yip Street	120	-
	Hong Ning Road RCP	At side of No.74 Hong Ning Road	115	-
	Shung Yan Street RCP	Shung Yan Wai	107	-
	Wan Hon Street RCP	Junction of Wan Hon Street & Shui Wo Street	106	-
Mong Kok	Bedford Road RCP	No. 62, Bedford Road	379	-
	Mong Kok Road RCP	No. 661B, Shanghai Street	334	-
	Nelson Street RCP	No. 1024, Canton Road	251	-
	Anchor Street RCP	No. 55, Anchor Street	212	Yes
	Cheung Wong Road RCP	Junction of Cheung Wong Road & Shum Chun Street	201	-
	Dundas Street RCP	Junction of Dundas Street & Tung Choi Street	170	Yes
	Nullah Road RCP	Opposite to No. 3-13, Nullah Street	158	Yes
	Portland Street RCP	No. 193, Portland Street	156	-
	Fa Yuen Street Market RCP	G/F, No. 123, Fa Yuen Street	134	-
	Yu Chau Street RCP	Opposite to No. 47, Yu Chau Street	131	Yes
	Sai Yee Street RCP	No.188, Sai Yee Street	90	-
Shum Shui Po	Cheung Wah Street RCP	360 Shun Ning Road	420	Yes
	Un Chau Street RCP	No. 59 – 63, Un Chau Street	410	Yes

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Fa Po Street RCP	No. 48, Fa Po Street	394	-
	Pei Ho Street RCP	No. 333, Kilung Street	266	-
	Yee Kuk Street RCP	No. 152, Yee Kuk Street	250	-
	Tai Nan Street RCP	Tai Nan Street J/O Boundary Street	206	-
	Cassia Road RCP	Cassia Road J/O Begonia Road	129	-
	King Lam Street RCP	At side of No. 111, King Lam Street	78	-
	Cheung Shun Street RCP	At side of No. 22, Cheung Shun Street	74	-
	Lai Wan Market RCP	Lai Wan Market, Mei Foo Sun Chuen	52	-
Wong Tai Sin	Yi Lun Street RCP	G/F, San Po Kong Plaza, No. 33, Shung Ling Street, San Po Kong	220	Yes
	Yan Oi RCP	G/F, at side of No. 1, Ma Chai Hang Road	98	-
	Sheung Fung Street Market RCP	G/F, Sheung Fung Street Market, Fung Wong Sun Tsuen	84	-
	Yuk Wah Crescent RCP	G/F, No. 4-6, Yuk Wah Crescent, Tsz Wah Shan	53	-
	Ngau Chi Wan Village RCP	G/F, No. 1, Lung Chi Path, Ngau Chi Wan	46	-
	Tung Tai Lane RCP	At junction of Tung Tai Lane and Tai Tung Street	32	-
Yau Tsim	Parkes Street RCP	No. 107, Parkes Street, Jordan	372	Yes
	Market Street RCP	No. 1, Market Street, Yau Ma Tei	280	Yes
	Auto Plaza RCP	Auto Plaza, Mody Square, Tsim Sha Tsui East	220	-
	Kimberley Street RCP	No. 28, Kimberley Street, Tsim Sha Tsui	219	-
	Kwun Chung Street RCP	No. 17, Bowring Street, Jordan	162	Yes
	Man Cheong Street RCP	Opposite to No.47, Man Cheong Street, Jordan	160	-
	Minden Row RCP	Opposite to No.3, Minden Row, Tsim Sha Tsui	127	Yes
Kwai Tsing	Hing Shing Road RCP	No. 82, Hing Shing Road, Kwai Chung	250	-
	Tai Yuen Street RCP	Tai Yuen Street near the Carpark	144	-

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Cheung Tat Road RCP	At side of No. 28, Cheung Tat Road	118	-
	Kwai Shun Street RCP	Kwai Shun Street near Kwai Wo Street	118	-
	Ta Chuen Ping Street RCP	Ta Chuen Ping Street near Shek Kin Street	113	-
	Wing Kin Road RCP	No.14, Wing Kin Road	106	-
	Tai Lin Pai Road RCP	Tai Lin Pai Road near Kung Yip Street	101	-
North	Fu Hing Street RCP	At side of No. 16, Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui	298	Yes
	Luen Fat Street RCP	Opposite to No.18, Luen Fat Street, Fanling	246	Yes
	On Lok Tsuen RCP	G/F, Yip Cheong Street, On Lok Tsuen, Fanling	216	-
Sai Kung	Yi Chun Street RCP	Yi Chun Street (opposite to Sai Kung Market)	195	Yes
	Wan Lung Road RCP	At side of Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre, No. 9, Wan Lung Road	155	-
	Fuk Man Road RCP	Fuk Man Road (at side of Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground)	150	Yes
	Tui Min Hoi RCP	Hong Kin Road, Tui Min Hoi (at side of Kwun Mun Fishermen New Village)	144	-
	Clear Water Bay Second Beach RCP	Clear Water Bay Second Beach Carpark	84	-
Sha Tin	Shing Ho Road RCP	No. 31, Shing Ho Road	188	-
	Yuen Chau Kok Road RCP	Area 5B, Yuen Chau Kok Road	148	-
	Cheung Lek Mei Street RCP	Cheung Lek Mei Street	147	-
	Chik Fai Street Tai Wai RCP	Chik Fai Street, Tai Wai	55	Yes
	Siu Lek Yuen Road RCP	No. 69, Siu Lek Yuen Road (Castello)	46	-
	Wo Liu Hang Road RCP	30 Wo Liu Hang Road	84	-
Tuen Mun	Tsing Hoi Circuit RCP (Area 37B)	Area 37B, Tsing Hoi Circuit	170	Yes
	Tseng Choi Street RCP (Area 4B)	Area 4B, Tseng Choi Street	170	Yes
	Hung Cheung Road RCP (Area 12)	Area 12, Hung Cheung Road	156	-
	Kai Fat Path RCP (Area 10A)	Kai Fat Path, Yan Ching Street	146	Yes

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Tat Yan Square RCP	Tat Yan Square	131	-
	Tsing Yeung Circuit RCP (Area 9N)	Area 9N, Tsing Yeung Circuit	130	-
	Tseng Choi Street RCP (Area 4C)	Area 4C, Tseng Choi Street	119	-
	Kin Lung Street RCP (Area 9)	Area 9, Kin Lung Street	88	-
	Castle Peak Beach RCP	Castle Peak Beach, Tuen Mun	33	-
	Wu Shan Road RCP (Area 44)	Area 44, Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun	703	-
Tai Po	Evergreen Court RCP	G/F., No. 9, Chui Lok Street	350	-
	Dai Kwai St. RCP	Dai Kwai St, Tai Po Industrial Estate	230	-
	Plover Cove Road RCP	G/F, Plover Cove Garden, 3 Plover Cove Road	174	-
	Yan Hing St. RCP	Yan Hing Street	165	Yes
	Kwong Fuk Square RCP	Kwong Fuk Square	100	Yes
Tsuen Wan	RCP at Chak Yan Road at Penny's Bay	Chak Yan Road at Penny's Bay	288	-
	Mei Wan Street RCP	Tsuen King Circuit	241	-
	Luen Yan Street RCP	No. 10, Luen Yan Street	183	Yes
	Tsuen Wan Market Street RCP	Tsuen Wan Market Street (Opposite to No. 150)	170	Yes
	Heung Che Street RCP	Heung Che Street (at side of Heung Che Street Market)	168	Yes
	Tsuen Wan Transport Complex RCP	Tsuen Wan Transport Complex, Hoi Kwai Road (at side of Skyline Plaza)	131	-
Yuen Long	Yan Lok Square RCP	At side of Chung Sing Path Playground, Yan Lok Square	170	Yes
	Tai Tong Road RCP	Junction of Tai Tong Road and Hop Yick Road	170	Yes
	Tai Kiu RCP	At side of Tai Kiu Market, Kiu Lok Square	170	Yes
	Kam Cheung Square RCP	Junction of Kam Cheung Square and Sai Yu Street	170	Yes
	Tung Tai Street RCP	Junction of Tung Tai Street & On Lok Road	125	Yes

District	Name	Location	Area (square metres)	Provision of Mobile Refuse Compactors
	Fung Kwan Street RCP	Fung Kwan Street Near Car Park (Open space)	120	Yes
	Ping Shun Street RCP	At side of Sewage Treatment Works, Ping Shun Street	120	Yes

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)167

(Question Serial No. 2641)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the household waste charging scheme to be introduced by the Environment Bureau, please advise this Committee on the following:

- (a) whether any measures and follow-up actions were taken by the Department in 2014-15 to tie in with the implementation of the policy; if yes, the details of the work and the expenditure involved; and
- (b) whether any efforts will be made to tie in with the household waste charging scheme in 2015-16; if yes, the details of the work and the expenditure to be involved?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is a member of the Inter-Departmental Working Group convened by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to steer and co-ordinate the preparatory work for the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste Charging Scheme (the Scheme). In 2014-15, the Department has commenced a review of the design and distribution of litter containers placed in public places. The Department is also providing necessary support and advice to the EPD on a pilot trial for retrofitting bin-counting system on refuse collection vehicles of the Department, in support of the interim charging option of the Scheme for residential buildings using the Department's refuse collection service. The above work was taken up by existing staff. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

- (b) In 2015-16, the Department will continue with the work set out in (a) above and contribute to other areas through the Inter-Departmental Working Group. In addition to utilising existing resources, the Department will create three time-limited posts comprising one Senior Superintendent of Environmental Hygiene, one Health Inspector I/II and one Executive Officer II from 2015-16 to 2017-18 to conduct the preparatory work for implementation of the Scheme, with an estimated expenditure of about \$2 million in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)168

(Question Serial No. 2653)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department relaxed the restriction on the number of sets of cremated ashes placed in a niche last year to allow for placement of more than one set of cremated ashes. Please advise on the number of relevant applications received, the number of successful applications and the number of additional sets of ashes that have been placed as a result. Please also advise on the publicity work of the Department on the relaxation and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has since January 2014 removed the cap on the number of sets of cremated ashes that may be placed in a public niche. In 2014, the Department received 27 applications for placing additional sets of ashes, all of which were approved.

On publicity, the Department has announced the relaxation on its website, as well as through press releases on the allocation of new public niches in 2014. The relaxation arrangement was also publicised in the advisory checklist for consumers on purchasing private columbarium niches. That checklist was issued by the Food and Health Bureau (the Bureau) in June 2014, and uploaded onto the websites of the Bureau and the Department, with copies distributed at the Department's booth in the Retiree and Senior Fair in July 2014. A new radio Announcement in the Public Interest promoting the placing of additional cremated ashes into public niches has been broadcast since December 2014. A new publicity leaflet on the relaxation arrangement will be produced for distribution to non-government organisations concerned, with copies being made available at the coming Retiree and Senior Fair in July 2015 and the Cemeteries and Crematoria offices of the Department. The total expenditure involved will be about \$40,000.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)169

(Question Serial No. 1340)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Please set out in tabular form, as well as by district, the number of public toilets and toilet compartments in the territory.
2. Please advise on the Department's plan for 2015-16 to provide additional signages in tourist districts for helping tourists locate the nearby public toilet facilities.
3. Please advise on the Department's plan for 2015-16 to review the adequacy of the public toilet provision in tourist districts and increase the number of public toilets, as well as the estimated expenditure, as appropriate.

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

1. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) manages a total of 786 public toilets. Particulars of these public toilets are given at Annex.
2. The Department regularly updates the information about public toilets with location maps in the Department's website. We have provided a mobile version of the webpage to facilitate visitors browsing the information with mobile phones or other mobile devices. The public is also advised in the relevant webpage that, apart from public toilets, other toilet facilities are provided for public use in most public venues (e.g. public parks, cultural and sports centres) and commercial buildings (e.g. shopping arcades). Furthermore, information about the Department's public toilets has been uploaded to the Government's Data.One portal ^(Note) as one of the datasets for free value-added re-use by the public.

The Department will continue to collaborate with the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) through the Tourism Commission to enhance access to information about environmental hygiene and availability of toilet facilities on HKTB's webpage and printed publicity materials. We note that, to facilitate visitors, HKTB promotes on its website a mobile app that would enable them to locate with ease the whereabouts of public toilets and other toilet facilities nearby.

Note

Data.One portal is an online web interface provided by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer to the public with a view to making available Public Sector Information in digital format for re-use for commercial or non-commercial purposes free of charge.

3. In planning the provision of public toilets, the Department will take into consideration various factors, such as the availability and distribution of alternative toilet facilities nearby, including public toilets in venues and facilities managed by other government departments and toilets provided in private developments and shopping arcades.

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Particulars of Public Toilets

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Central / Western District					
Wa Hing Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Shing Wong Street & Wah Hing Lane	21	3	0	12
Gutzlaff Street Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Between Gutzlaff Street & Chuk Hing Lane	36	8	0	12
Murray Road Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	G/F of Murray Road Multi Storey Car-park	6	0	1	5
Star Ferry Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	Junction of Edingburgh Place & Connaught Road	3	5	0	7
Exchange Square Public Toilet	G/F of Exchange Square near Bus Terminus	3	6	0	4
Old Peak Road Public Toilet	Near Lamp Post No. 27566, Old Peak Road	1	1	0	2
Rumsey Street Multi Storey Car-park Public Toilet	G/F of Rumsey Street Multi Storey Car-park	5	0	1	3
Mee Lun Street Public Toilet	At side of No.6, Mee Lun Street	4	4	0	8
Wellington Street Public Toilet	Junction of Wellington Street & Queen's Road Central	6	8	0	0
Jubilee Street Public Toilet	Junction of Jubilee Street & Queen's Road Central	20	8	0	13
Queen's Road Central Public Toilet	Queen's Road Central, opposite to Bank Street	10	0	2	13
Ice House Street Public Toilet	Opposite Side of No.16 Ice House Street	4	0	1	5
Glenealy Public Toilet	Junction of Glenealy & Arbuthnot Road	2	0	1	2
Robinson Road Public Toilet	Junction of Robinson Road & Castle Road	2	2	0	0

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Hong Kong Park Indoor Game Hall Public Toilet	At rear of Hong Kong Park Indoor Game Hall	3	5	0	4
Kennedy Road Public Toilet	Junction of Kennedy Road & Garden Road	2	3	0	2
MacDonnell Road Public Toilet	At side of No.48 MacDonnell Road	0	2	0	0
May Road Public Toilet	Junction of May Road & Chatham Path	2	2	0	2
Wing Wo Street Public Toilet	Opposite to 23-27,Wing Wo Street	8	0	2	9
Hatton Road Public Toilet	Junction of Hatton Road & Harlech Road	3	3	0	3
Lan Kwai Fong Public Toilet	Lower level below Lan Kwan Fong Sitting-out Area	4	7	0	11
Macau Ferry Bus Terminus Public Toilet	At side of Macau Ferry Bus Terminus	6	0	2	6
At Northern Frontage of Central Market Public Toilet	Central Market, Entrance facing Des Voeux Road Central	4	6	0	3
Man Yiu Street Public Toilet	Man Yiu Street Near No.7 Pier	3	0	1	5
Peak Tower Public Toilet	P2 Peak Tower	6	5	0	8
Man Fai Street Public Toilet	Junction of Man Fai Street & Man Kwong Street	3	5	0	5
Ladder Street Public Toilet	Ladder Street facing Lower Lascar Row, Western	6	0	1	7
Lok Ku Road Public Toilet	21-23 Lok Ku Road, Western	6	7	0	7
Hospital Road Public Toilet	FEHD Staff Quarter at Basement, Hospital Road, Western	2	4	0	3

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Wing Lok Street Public Toilet	Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, G/F, 345 Queen's Road Central, Western	5	5	0	4
In Ku Lane Public Toilet	8 In Ku Lane, Western	9	10	1	7
Mui Fong Street Public Toilet	Mui Fong Street Cooked Food Bazaar, Western	2	2	0	2
Kotewall Road Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 17 Kotewall Road, Western	2	0	1	1
Belcher's Street Public Toilet	Behind No.2-12 Belcher's Street, Western	4	4	0	6
Smithfield Municipal Service Building Public Toilet	Smithfield Municipal Services Building, G/F, 12K Smithfield Road, Kennedy Town	4	5	0	6
Sai Ning Street Public Toilet	Junction of Victoria Road and Sai Ning Street, Western	4	0	1	2
Pound Lane Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Pound Lane & Tai Ping Shan Street, Western	11	4	0	8
Water Street Public Toilet and Bathhouse	Junction of Water Street and Pok Fu Lam Road, Western	8	4	0	6
Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Shek Tong Tsui Municipal Services Building, 470 Queen's Road West, Shek Tong Tsui	4	4	0	8
David Lane Temporary Public Toilet	David Lane, Sai Ying Pun	4	4	0	8
Wanchai District					
Lin Fa Kung Public Toilet	Lily Street, Lin Fa Kung, Tai Hang	6	3	0	6
Bowen Road Public Toilet	Bowen Road near Wan Chai Gap Road	2	3	0	2
Spring Garden Lane Public Toilet	Junction of Spring Garden Lane and Cross Street	9	8	0	11
Sing Woo Road Public Toilet	Junction of Sing Woo Road and Yik Yam Street	6	6	0	6

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Tai Hang Road Public Toilet	Junction of Tai Hang Road & Lai Tak Tsuen Road	4	5	0	6
Wan Chai Market Public Toilet	No. 258 Queen's Road East	4	2	1	6
Warren Street Public Toilet	Junction of Warren Street and Shepherd Street	6	6	0	8
Moreton Terrace Public Toilet	Tung Lo Wan Drive (At side of Bus Terminus)	2	4	0	4
Wong Nai Chung Road Public Toilet	Opposite to 95 Wong Nai Chung Road	3	6	0	4
Morrison Hill Road Public Toilet	Morrison Hill Road near Sports Road	5	5	0	5
Canal Road Public Toilet	Junction of Canal Road and Lockhart Road (next to Wan Chai Fire Station)	10	8	0	10
Cross Lane Public Toilet	Junction of Cross Lane and Bullock Lane	6	6	0	12
Wanchai Ferry Concourse Public Toilet	At side of Wan Chai Ferry Concourse Bus Terminus	2	5	0	4
Southorn Centre Public Toilet	G/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road	8	7	0	10
Kat On Street Public Toilet	Junction of Kat On Street and Kennedy Street	10	0	1	11
Expo Drive East Public Toilet	Expo Drive East (next to Golden Bauhinia Square)	5	8	0	10
Eastern District					
Ning Foo Street Public Toilet	Ning Foo Street near Bus Terminus	5	12	0	7
Kam Wa Street Public Toilet	Junction of Kam Wa Street and Wang Wa Street	7	6	0	7
A Kung Ngam Village Road Temporary Public Toilet	Junction of A Kung Ngam Village Road and Tung Wong Road	3	2	0	3

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Nam On Street Public Toilet	No. 81 Nam On Street	4	6	0	4
Hoi Ning Street Public Toilet	Junction of Hoi Ning Street and Hing Man Street	8	6	0	8
Quarry Bay Market Public Toilet	No. 38 Quarry Bay Street	3	3	0	6
Pak Fuk Road Public Toilet	Junction of Pak Fuk Road and Healthy Street Central	3	4	0	6
Java Road Public Toilet	Java Road outside North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier	3	6	0	5
Tong Shui Road Public Toilet	Junction of Tong Shui Road and Chun Yeung Street	4	5	0	8
North Point Passenger Ferry Concourse (Shu Kuk Street) Public Toilet	No. 34 Shu Kuk Street	2	1	1	8
Oil Street Public Toilet	At side of No. 3 Oil Street	3	3	0	2
Wing Hing Street Public Toilet	No. 15 Wing Hing Street	8	6	0	8
Hing Fat Street Public Toilet	Hing Fat Street near the Entrance of Victoria Park	12	0	2	12
Tung Hei Road Public Toilet and Bathhouse	No. 28 Tung Hei Road	3	0	1	6
Sheung On Street Public Toilet	Opposite to New World Bus Depot Sheung On Street	2	2	0	4
Southern District					
Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital Public Toilet	Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital	3	0	1	4
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block A	At side of No. 63 Pokfulam Village	2	2	0	3
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block B	At side of No. 44 Pokfulam Village	2	2	0	3

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block C	Opposite to No. 5R Pokfulam Village	1	3	0	2
Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block D	Opposite to No. 128E Pokfulam Village	4	3	0	4
No.16 Aberdeen Main Road Public Toilet	No.16 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen	10	8	0	10
Yip Fat Street Public Toilet	Near No.12 Yip Fat Street, Wong Chuk Hang	1	2	0	2
Repulse Bay Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Repulse Bay Road near Bus Terminus (opposite to No. 109 Repulse Bay Road)	3	4	0	3
Repulse Bay Beach Road Public Toilet	Repulse Bay Beach Road near Repulse Bay Car Park	3	4	0	6
Repulse Bay Public Toilet (near Life Saving Association)	Repulse Bay Beach Road near Life Saving Association	0	6	0	0
Repulse Bay Public Toilet (near No.16 Repulse Bay Beach Road)	Near No.16 Repulse Bay Beach Road	One toilet compartment is provided to serve both sexes			
Middle Bay Public Toilet	South Bay Road near Middle Bay	2	3	0	3
South Bay Public Toilet	South Bay Road near South Bay	2	2	0	3
Stanley Link Road Public Toilet	Stanley Link Road near Stanley Main Beach	2	3	0	3
Stanley Tytam Village Public Toilet	Stanley Tytam Village near Hong Kong Sea School	2	1	0	2
Stanley Main Street Public Toilet	Stanley Pak Kan Village near the beginning of Stanley Main Street	2	4	0	4
Shek O Village Public Toilet	Shek O Village near Shek O Drainage Services Department Plant	6	3	0	5
Wu Nam Street Public Toilet	Wu Nam Street near Aberdeen Bus Terminus	4	6	0	8

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Apleichau Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Apleichau Municipal Services Building, No. 8 Hung Shing Street, Apleichau	4	9	0	7
Lee Lok Street Public Toilet	Junction of Lee Lok Street and Lee Wing Street, Apleichau	4	6	0	7
Shum Wan Road Public Toilet	Shum Wan Road near Marine Police Station	2	0	0	4
Stanley Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Stanley Municipal Services Building, Stanley Market Road	9	6	0	11
Stanley Waterfront Public Toilet	Stanley Waterfront	2	2	0	4
Islands District					
Chung Hing Back Street Public Toilet	Chung Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau	4	0	1	4
San Hing Back Street Public Toilet	San Hing Back Street, Cheung Chau	6	0	1	8
Pak She Street Public Toilet	Pak She Street, Cheung Chau	4	4	0	6
Peak Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Peak Road, Cheung Chau	7	4	0	6
Peak Road West Public Toilet	Peak Road West, Cheung Chau	2	2	0	2
Yung Shue Wan Public Toilet	Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma	4	3	0	4
Sok Kwu Wan Public Toilet	Sok Kwu Wan Ferry Pier, Lamma	4	3	0	4
Wing On Side Street Public Toilet	Wing On Side Street, Peng Chau	5	10	0	6
Ngong Ping Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Bus Terminus, Lantau	4	3	0	4
Tai O Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Tai O Bus Terminus, Tai O, Lantau	4	4	1	5

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Shek Tsai Po Public Toilet	Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O, Lantau	5	3	0	7
Tai Ping Street Public Toilet	Tai Ping Street, Tai O, Lantau	2	0	1	2
Mui Wo Ferry Pier Public Toilet	Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road, Lantau	5	0	1	5
Shek Pik Public Toilet, Wang Pui Road	Shek Pik Wang Pui Road, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Ngong Ping Road Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Road, Lantau	7	10	0	15
Po Chu Tam Public Toilet	Po Chu Tam, Lantau	3	0	1	2
Pak Ngan Heung Public Toilet	Pak Ngan Heung, Lantau	3	0	1	2
Tai Tei Tong Public Toilet	Tai Tei Tong, Lantau	3	0	1	2
Round Table I Village Public Toilet	Round Table I Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	3
Self Help Care Village Public Toilet	Self Help Care Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2
Round Table III Village Public Toilet	Round Table III Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2
Tsan Tsuen Road Public Toilet	Tsan Tsuen Road Care Village, Cheung Chau	2	0	1	3
Ying Sin Leung Care Village Public Toilet	Ying Sin Leung Care Village, Cheung Chau	3	0	1	2
Chung Hau Village Public Toilet	Chung Hau Village, Mui Wo	1	1	0	1
Tung Wan Tau Public Toilet	Tung Wan Tau Road, Mui Wo, Lantau	1	1	0	2
Law Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Law Uk Village, South Lantau	1	3	0	3
Tong Fuk Village Public Toilet (Lower)	Tong Fuk Village, South Lantau	1	2	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Shui Hau Public Toilet	Shui Hau Village, South Lantau	1	1	0	2
Shek Mun Kap Public Toilet	Shek Mun Kap, Tung Chung	2	2	0	3
Lo Wai Village Public Toilet	Lo Wai Village, South Lantau	2	2	0	3
Ma Wan Chung Public Toilet	Ma Wan Chung, Tung Chung, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Lutheran Village I Public Toilet	Lutheran Village I, Cheung Chau	2	2	0	3
Tai Kwai Wan Public Toilet	Tai Kwai Wan, Cheung Chau	3	2	0	3
Wai Tsai Street Public Toilet	Wai Tsai Street, Peng Chau	2	3	0	2
San Tau Public Toilet	San Tau Village	2	3	0	3
Yung Shue Ha Public Toilet	Yung Shue Ha Lamma	2	3	0	4
Mo Tat Village Public Toilet	Mot Tat Village Lamma	2	2	0	2
Ngong Ping Camp Site Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Camp Site	2	3	0	3
Pak Mong Village Public Toilet	Pak Mong Village, Lantau	2	2	0	4
Shek Tsai Po Street Public Toilet	Near Ferry Pier, Shek Tsai Po Street, Tai O, Lantau	3	3	0	6
Sheung Ling Pei Public Toilet	Sheung Ling Pei, Tung Chung	2	5	0	4
Tat Tung Road Public Toilet	Tat Tung Road, Tung Chung	3	3	0	6
Leung Uk Village Public Toilet	Leung Uk Village, Tai O, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Tai Peng Public Toilet	Tai Peng Village, Lamma	2	2	0	2
Lo So Shing Village Public Toilet	Lo So Shing Village, Lamma	1	3	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Sha Lo Wan Beach Public Toilet	Sha Lo Wan Beach, Tung Chung	2	2	0	3
Shap Long San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shap Long San Tsuen, Lantau	2	1	0	3
Ngong Ping Road Interchange Public Toilet	Ngong Ping Road Interchange, Ngong Ping, Lantau	5	8	0	10
Ham Tin San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ham Tin San Tsuen, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Tong Fuk Camp Site Public Toilet	Tong Fuk Camp Site, Lantau	2	3	0	3
Lower Cheung Sha Public Toilet	Lower Cheung Sha Village, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Tai Long Wan Village Public Toilet	Tai Long Wan Village, Lantau	2	3	0	3
Ngau Au Public Toilet	Ngau Au, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Choi Yuen Tsuen Public Toilet	Choi Yuen Tsuen, Lantau	1	2	0	2
Sham Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Sham Shek Tsuen, Lantau	1	3	0	2
Ngau Kwu Long Public Toilet	Ngau Kwu Long, Lantau Island	1	2	0	2
Tung Chung Hau Wong Temple Public Toilet	Hau Wong Temple, Tung Chung	3	5	0	6
Pak Kok Village Public Toilet	Pak Kok Village, Lamma	1	1	0	2
Luk Chau Public Toilet	Luk Chau Village, Luk Chau Wan, Lamma Island	1	1	0	2
Lutheran Village II Public Toilet	Lutheran Village II, Cheung Chau	2	0	0	2
Nam Wan Shan Teng Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Wan Sun Tsuen, Peng Chau	1	1	0	2
Shan Teng Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Wan Shan Teng Tsuen, Peng Chau	1	1	0	2

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Yau Tsim District					
Shanghai Street / Waterloo Rd Public Toilet	Junction of Shanghai Street & Waterloo Road	4	0	1	6
Market Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 1, Market Street	8	8	0	10
Yau Ma Tei Market Public Toilet	Yau Ma Tei Market, No. 20, Kansu Street	2	3	0	3
Gascoigne Road Public Toilet	At side of Astor Plaza, junction of Gascoigne Road and Nathan Road	6	4	0	10
Battery Street Public Toilet	No. 42, Battery Street	4	0	2	7
Parkes Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 107, Parkes Street	12	0	2	15
Jordan Road Public Toilet	Inside King George V Park, Jordan.	9	10	0	9
Science Museum Road Public Toilet	Concordia Plaza, 1 Science Museum Rd.	7	7	0	8
Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Concourse Public Toilet	Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Concourse	3	5	0	4
Kimberley Road Urinal Toilet	At junction of Kimberley Road & Austin Avenue	0	4	0	0
Tsim Sha Tsui East Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Tsim Sha Tsui East Public Transport Interchange	6	10	0	12
Mong Kok District					
Sai Yee Street Garden Public Toilet	Sai Yee Street Garden	10	10	0	12
Sai Yee Street Public Toilet	188 Sai Yee Street	8	16	0	12
Luen Wan Road Public Toilet	Side of FEHD Kowloon Depot, Luen Wan Road	3	4	0	3

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Mong Kok Road Public Toilet	661B Shanghai Street, junction of Shanghai Street and Mong Kok Road	7	10	2	14
Pok Man Street Public Toilet	1 Sham Mong Road, Olympic Station	5	9	0	9
Portland Street Public Toilet	193 Portland Street	4	12	0	8
Nelson Street Public Toilet	1024 Canton Road	12	12	0	14
Anchor Street Playground Public Toilet	Anchor Street Playground	4	7	0	8
Larch Street Public Toilet	105 Larch Street	6	8	0	6
Sham Shui Po District					
Lai Chi Kok Government Offices Public Toilet	19 Lai Wan Road	4	5	0	4
Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Mei Foo Sun Chuen Bus Terminus	2	3	0	5
Cheung Shun Street Public Toilet	At side of No.22 Chueng Shun Street	9	0	2	8
Tonkin Street Public Toilet	Junction of Tonkin Street & Un Chau Street	6	7	0	9
Yen Chow Street Public Toilet	Junction of Yen Chow Street & Un Chau Street	6	8	0	9
Apliu Street Public Toilet	Junction of Apliu Street & Kweilin Street	12	31	0	12
Sai Chuen Road Public Toilet	Junction of Sai Chuen Road & Yen Chow Street	4	6	0	8
Tai Nan Street Public Toilet cum Bathouse	Junction of Tai Nan Street & Boundary Street	10	0	2	12
Nam Cheong Street Public Toilet cum Bathouse	Junction of Nam Cheong Street & Un Chau Street	10	16	0	14

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Yee Kuk Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	555 Yee Kuk Street	4	4	0	4
Kowloon City District					
Dyer Avenue Public Toilet	No. 1, Dyer Avenue	8	7	0	10
Ma Tau Kok Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	No. 180, Kowloon City Road	7	7	0	7
Kowloon City Road Public Toilet	No. 3, Kowloon City Road	8	8	0	8
San Ma Tau Street Public Toilet	No. 30, San Ma Tau Street	7	5	0	4
Gillies Avenue South Public Toilet	Junction of Gillies Avenue South and Station Lane	3	6	0	6
Baker Street Public Toilet	No.65, Baker Street	7	8	0	14
Hok Yuen Street Public Toilet	No.12A, Hok Yuen Street	20	0	1	10
New Hung Hom Ferry Pier Public Toilet	New Hung Hom Ferry Pier	5	5	0	5
Hung Hom Complex Public Toilet	Hung Hom Complex, 11 Ma Tai Wai Road	3	5	0	6
Shek Ku Lung Road Public Toilet	Junction of Shek Ku Lung Road and Carpenter Road	10	12	0	8
Tung Tsing Road Public Toilet	Tung Tsing Road at side of Carpenter Road Park	10	8	0	10
Lung Kong Road Public Toilet	No. 30-32, Lung Kong Road	5	8	0	10
Pui Ching Road Public Toilet	No. 5, Pui Ching Road	5	5	0	5
Kowloon City Complex Public Toilet	Kowloon City Complex, Hau Wong Road	12	0	2	16
Kowloon Tong Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong	3	5	0	6

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Shing Fung Road Temporary Public Toilet	Shing Fung Road, Kai Tak Development Area, Kowloon City	3	4	0	6
Wong Tai Sin District					
Hong Keung Street Public Toilet	Junction of Shung Ling Street & Hong Keung Street, San Po Kong	4	7	0	8
Ngau Chi Wan Village Public Toilet	No. 1 Lung Chi Path, Ngau Chi Wan	4	4	0	8
Lok Fu Public Toilet	Junction of Junction Road & Tau Tsuen Road	7	6	0	9
Nga Tsin Wai Village Public Toilet	Tung Kwong Road, outside Nga Tsin Wai Village	2	0	1	4
Choi Hung Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Choi Hung Road Bus Terminal (opposite to Choi Hung Estate)	6	6	0	9
Sheung Yuen Street Public Toilet	G/F, Plaza Hollywood, Sheung Yuen Street	4	5	0	9
Kwun Tong District					
Chun Wah Road Public Toilet	At Chun Wah Road Bus Terminus, Ngau Tau Kok	3	5	0	5
Shung Yan Street Public Toilet	At side of No. 39, Shung Yan Street Kwun Tong	4	4	0	6
Lai Yip Street Public Toilet	At junction of Lai Yip Street & Wai Yip Street	4	6	0	6
Kei Yip Street Public Toilet	Near Kwun Tong Ferry Pier Bus Terminus at Kei Yip Lane, Kwun Tong	7	7	0	13
Hip Wo Street Interim Public Toilet	At side of Hip Wo Street Public Light Bus Terminus, Kwun Tong	5	7	0	10
Kwun Tong Road Public Toilet	At Kwun Tong Road Bus Terminus	5	3	0	5
Lei Yue Mun (Ling Nam Sun Tsuen) Public Toilet	At Lei Yue Mun Path Lei Yue Mun	4	8	0	7

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Cha Kwo Ling Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At side of No.90 Cha Kwo Ling Main Street	10	4	0	10
Ngau Tau Kok Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At No.1 Ting Fu Street Ngau Tau Kok	5	6	0	6
Lei Yue Mun Ma Wan Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At entrance of Ma Wan Village Lei Yue Mun	8	6	0	9
Kwai Tsing District					
Kwai Shun Street Public Toilet	Kwai Shun Street near Kwai Shun Cooked food Market	6	0	1	9
Cheung Tat Road Public Toilet	Near no.28 Cheung Tat Road	2	0	1	3
Cheung Ching Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Cheung Ching Bus Terminus	6	0	1	9
Cheung Fai Road Public Toilet	Near Cheung Fai Road Promenade	6	4	0	9
Tsing Yi New Ferry Terminus Public Toilet	Tsing Yi New Ferry Terminus	5	3	0	6
Tam Kon Shan Road (1) Public Toilet	Tam Kon Shan Road near lamp post no. FB0659	2	2	0	3
Tam Kon Shan Road (2) Public Toilet	Next to No. 89 Tam Kon Shan Road	2	2	0	3
Tai Yuen Street Public Toilet	Tai Yuen Street near Kwok Shui Road	3	0	1	3
Tai Lin Pai Road Public Toilet	Tai Lin Pai Road near Kung Yip Street	4	0	1	5
San Kwai Street Public Toilet	San Kwai Street near Training Centre Complex	3	4	0	4
Ta Chuen Ping Street Public Toilet	Ta Chuen Ping Street near Carpark	5	8	0	9
Kwai Hing Station Public Toilet	Near Kwai Hing Government Building	10	9	0	13

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Kwai Fong Station Public Toilet	New Kwai Fong Garden	10	0	1	15
Lantau Link Viewing Platform Public Toilet	Lantau Link View Point Car Park, Tsing Yi (Temporary Government Land Allocation No. TKT 1701)	6	8	0	12
Cheung Yuen Road Public Toilet	Cheung Yuen Road, near Cheung Hang Road, Kwai Chung	1	3	0	2
Luthern Village Public Toilet	Lutheran Village, Sheung Ko Tau Street, Tsing Yi	1	2	0	2
Sheung Yat Tsuen, Kwai Chung Public Toilet	Sheung Yat Tsuen, Kwai Chung	2	3	0	3
Liu To Village Public Toilet	Liu To Village, Tsing Yi	1	1	0	2
Shing Mun Road Public Toilet	Shing Mun Road, Kwai Chung	1	3	0	2
Tsuen Wan District					
Yi Pei Chun Village Public Toilet	Near no.34 Yi Pei Chun village, Tsuen Wan	2	0	1	3
Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building Public Toilet	G/F., Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building, Sai Lau Kok Road, Tsuen Wan	5	7	0	10
Sham Tseng Public Toilet	Sham Tseng Tsuen Road, Sham Tseng	2	4	0	5
Lo Wai Village Public Toilet	Lo Wai, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	2
Wang Lung Street Public Toilet	Side of Ma Kok Street Hawker Bazaar, Wang Lung Street	8	12	0	9
Heung Che Street Public Toilet	At Side of Heung Che Street Market, Tso Kung Square, Tsuen Wan	3	3	1	4
Tak Wah Park Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 67-95, Tsuen Wan Market Street, Tsuen Wan	7	12	0	11

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Chai Wan Kok Public Toilet	Junction of Chai Wan Kok Street and Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan	4	5	0	4
Pak Tin Pa San Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Tin Pa San Tsuen, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	3
Castle Peak Road (13.5 Milestone) Public Toilet	Castle Peak Road (13 Milestone)	2	0	1	2
Tai Ho Road Public Toilet	Opposite to entrance of Tsuan Wan West Rail Station, Tai Hoi Road, Tsuen Wan	8	0	1	12
Shing Mun Road Public Toilet	Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan	2	3	0	3
Sunny Bay Public Toilet	Sunny Bay Public Transport Interchange	2	3	0	3
Fu Yung Shan San Tsuen Public Toilet	San Tsuen Fu Yung Shan	3	2	0	3
Tsing Lung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Tun Village, Tsing Lung Tau, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Pai Min Kok Tsuen Public Toilet	Pai Min Kok Village, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Chuen Lung Village Public Toilet	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	3
Wo Yi Hop Village Public Toilet	Wo Yi Hop Village, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2
Hon Man Upper Village Public Toilet	Hon Man Upper Village, Tsuen Wan	2	2	0	2
Lo Wai Road Public Toilet	Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan	3	3	0	7
Sam Dip Tam Tsien Public Toilet	Sam Dip Tam, Lo Wai Road, Tsuen Wan	1	1	0	1
Ting Kau Village Public Toilet	Ting Kau, Tsuen Wan	1	2	0	2
Kwong Pan Tin Village Public Toilet	Kwong Pan Ting San Tsuen, Route Twisk, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2

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Hong Man Lower Village Public Toilet	Hon Man Lower Village, Tsuen Wan	1	3	0	2
Sheung Kwai Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Kwai Chung Tsuen, Tsuen Wan, NT	1	2	0	2
Fu Yung Shan Yiu Tai Public Toilet	Fu Yung Shan Road, Tsuen Wan, NT	1	2	0	2
Lung Yue Road Public Toilet	Near Yuen Tun Village, Lung Yue Road, Tsing Lung Tau	2	2	0	4
Sham Tseng Commercial Village Public Toilet	Sham Tseng Commercial New Village, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	2
Kwong Pan Tin Village (Section II) Public Toilet	Kwong Pan Tin San Tsuen, Route Twisk, Tsuen Wan, NT	2	2	0	4
Tsing Fai Tong New Village Public Toilet	Tsing Fai Tong New Village, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1
Sham Tseng Shu On Terrace Public Toilet	Shu On Terrace, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1
Sham Tseng East Tsuen Public Toilet	East Tsuen, Sham Tseng, NT	1	1	0	1
Tuen Mun District					
Kin Fung Circuit Public Toilet	Kin Fung Circuit, Tuen Mun (near Ho Tin LRT station)	4	0	1	6
Hung Cheung Road Public Toilet	Hung Cheung Road, Tuen Mun (at side of public car park)	4	8	0	4
Tuen Mun Ferry Pier Public Toilet	Tuen Mun Ferry Pier, Tuen Mun	4	5	0	8
Tseng Tau Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tseng Tau Chung Tsuen, Tuen Mun	2	4	0	4
Kin Lung Street Public Toilet	Kin Lung Street, Tuen Mun (near Shek Pai Tau Playground)	3	6	0	6
Tsing Yeung Circuit Public Toilet	Tsing Yeung Circuit, Tuen Mun (at side of public car park)	5	10	0	8

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Yeung Siu Hang Public Toilet	Yeung King Road, Tuen Mun (at side of Wealthy Villa)	1	1	0	1
Chung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chung Uk Tsuen	3	3	0	3
Tsing Chuen Wai Public Toilet	Tsing Chuen Wai	3	3	0	3
San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen	2	3	0	3
Tuen Tsz Wai Public Toilet	Tuen Tsz Wai	2	3	0	2
Tuen Tsz Wai Lam Tei Vegetable Market Office Public Toilet	Tuen Tsz Wai near Lam Tei Vegetabel Market Office	2	3	0	3
San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen, Chung Shan	2	2	0	3
Kwong Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	Kwong Shan Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Pak Kok Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Kok Tsuen	1	3	0	2
Tin Tei Yan Road Public Toilet	Tin Tei Yan Road	1	3	0	2
Siu Lam San Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Lam San Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Tsz Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsz Tin Tsuen, at side of Refuse Collection Point	1	3	0	2
So Kwun Wat Lee Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lee Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	2	0	2
Kei Lun Wai Public Toilet	Kei Lun Wai	1	3	0	2
Lam Tei Market Public Toilet	Lam Tei Market	2	3	0	3
To Yuen Wai Public Toilet	To Yuen Wai	2	2	0	3
Wu Shan Road Public Toilet	Wu Shan Road	4	5	0	8

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Tin Sum San Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sum San Tsuen	2	3	0	4
Lung Kwu Tan Pak Long Public Toilet	Pak Long, Lung Kwu Tan	1	3	0	2
Nai Wai Public Toilet	Nai Wai at side of Refuse Collection Point	2	2	0	3
So Kwun Wat Ching Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Ching Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	3	0	2
Nai Wai Public Toilet	Nai Wai near playground	2	2	0	3
Yip Wong Road Public Toilet	Yip Wong Road	1	3	0	2
Shan Shek Wan Public Toilet	Shan Shek Wan Resite Area, Phase 1	1	1	0	2
Wo Ping San Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Tong Raod, Wo Ping San Tsuen	2	1	0	3
Tai Lam Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Lam Chung Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Wu Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wu Uk Tsuen, Tai Lam	1	1	0	1
So Kwun Wat Chan Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chan Uk Tsuen, So Kwun Wat	1	2	0	2
Sun Fung Wai Public Toilet	Sun Fung Wai	2	1	0	2
Chung Wong Toi Public Toilet	Chung Wong Toi	1	2	0	2
Po Tong Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Po Tong Ha Tsuen	1	1	0	2
Luen On San Tsuen Public Toilet	Luen On San Tsuen	1	2	0	2
Tin Hau Road Public Toilet	Tin Hau Road near Tin Hau Temple	3	4	0	6
Tin Hau Temple Plaza Public Toilet	Tin Hau Temple Plaza, Tin Hau Road	2	3	0	4

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Yuen Long District					
Fung Cheung Road Public Toilet	Fung Cheung Road (near Fung Kwan Street Indoor Recreation Centre), Yuen Long	3	4	0	5
Hong King Street Public Toilet	Hong King Street (next to minibus station) Yuen Long	3	6	0	6
Kam Tin Bor Tei Public Toilet	Kam Tin Bor Tei Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	5	5
Kam Tin Market Public Toilet	Kam Tin Shing Mun San Tsuen (Next To Kam Tin Market), Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	6	7
Kuk Ting Street Public Toilet	Kuk Ting Street Yuen Long	8	7	0	11
Light Rail Transit Terminus Public Toilet	Long Lok Road (Near Sun Yuen Long Centre), Yuen Long	9	0	1	9
Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lo Uk Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	4	0	1	5
Lok Ma Chau Control Point (South) Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (South)	5	2	0	5
Lok Ma Chau Control Point (North) Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (North)	5	2	0	5
Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange	2	2	0	3
Lok Ma Chau Lookout Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau (Lookout)	3	0	1	4
Ping Shan Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ping Shan San Tsuen, Ping Yeung Lane, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	5	0	1	6
San Tin Public Toilet	Castle Peak Road, San Tin Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Tai Kiu Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Kiu, Tai Kiu Road, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3

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Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Public Toilet	Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Garden, Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3
Sik Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Sik Kong Tsuen, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	4	0	1	5
Wang Yip Street Public Toilet	Tung Tau Industrial Area, Wang Yip Street East, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Yuen Long West Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Kik Yeung Road (next to Bus Terminus) Yuen Long	4	3	0	8
Chuk Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung (near Chuk Hang Tsuen village entrance) Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Lau Fau Shan Roundabout Public Toilet	Lau Fau Shan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	3	4	0	6
Ha Mei San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ha Mei San Tsuen, Ha Mei San Tsuen Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	4
Wang Yip Street South Public Toilet	Tung Tau Industrial Area, Wang Yip Street South, Yuen Long	2	0	1	3
San Tin Wing Ping Tsuen Public Toilet	Wing Ping Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	5	0	1	5
Wang Toi Shan Wing Ning Lee Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan Wing Ning Lei, Wang Toi Shan Shan Tsuen Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	5	0	1	5
Kam Sheung Road Public Toilet	Kam Sheung Road Public Transport Interchange Tung Wui Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Hung Shui Kiu Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Tin Sam Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	14	0	1	8
Tai Tong Road Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Sai Ching Street (near Manhattan Plaza), Yuen Long	5	4	0	10
Shan Pui Tsuen Public Toilet	Shan Pui, Shan Pui Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6

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Fan Tin Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Fan Tin Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	3	0	1	3
Hang Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Hang Mei Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	3	5	0	7
Nam Bin Wai Public Toilet	Nam Bin Wai Yuen Long Kau Hui Road, Yuen Long	4	0	1	6
Shap Pat Heung Choi Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Choi Uk Tsuen, Long Yat Road, Yuen Long	3	2	0	3
To Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Hing West Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	4	3	0	4
Pok Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	Pok Wai, Pok Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Sheung Tsuen Koo Miu Public Toilet	Sheung Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Yuen Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Kong, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tsang Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsang Uk Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Small Traders New Village (2) Public Toilet	Small Traders New Village, Siu Sheung Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tin Liu Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Liu Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pak Sha Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Wang Toi Shan (Behind School) Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (Next To Wang Toi Shan School)	2	2	0	2
Lam Hau Pok Public Toilet	Lam Hau Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Yuen Long, Nt (Near Block 6, Scenic Gardens)	3	2	0	3
Tan Kwai Tsuen (Ying Yin School) Public Toilet	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Tan Kwai Tsuen Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long (Near Ying Yin School)	2	2	0	3

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Yeung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Chau Yeung Uk Tsuen, Fuk Hi Street, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Chung Hau Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Shan Pui Chung Hau Tsuen, Shan Pui Ho East Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Mai Po Lung Public Toilet	Mai Po Lung Tsuen, Shek Wu Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ying Lung Wai Public Toilet	Ying Lung Wai, Long Wo Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Toi Shan Lo Uk Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pat Heung Sheung Tsuen Public Toilet	Lam Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Lau Fau Shan Sha Kiu Tsuen Sheung Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Lau Fau Shan Sheung Pak Nai Ap Tsai Hang Public Toilet	Ngau Hom Shek, Nim Wan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Long Yat Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Sheung Cheung Wai Public Toilet	Sheung Cheung Wai, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Tai Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Wai Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Mai Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Mai Po San Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Mai Po, Mai Po, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Shi Public Toilet	Kam Tin Shi, Kam Tin Road Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tze Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsz Tong Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Tai Sang Wai (3) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Wong Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Wong Uk Tsuen, Long Wo Road, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tsing Lung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsing Lung Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kau Nam Street Public Toilet	Kau Nam Street, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Shui Bin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Pin Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	4
Pak Hok Chau Public Toilet	Tam Kon Chau, Tam Kon Chau Road, Mai Po, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	San Sham Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	3	7	0	6
San Wai Public Toilet	San Wai, San Sik Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	3	2	0	4
Tai Tseng Wai Public Toilet	Tai Tseng Wai, Fuk Shun Street, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ping Shan Hung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Hung Uk Tsuen, Kiu Hung Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	3	2	0	5
Ping Shan Tong Fong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Fong Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Ngau Hom Tsuen Public Toilet	Ngau Hom, Man Tak Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Lau Fau Shan Pak Nai near Vegetable Market Office Public Toilet	Pak Nai, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Tai Shu Ha Public Toilet	Tai Shu Ha Road West, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Tai Shu Ha Road West Shung Ching San Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Shu Ha Road West, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
San Wai (Sze Wang Study Hall) Public Toilet	San Wai, San Sik Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3

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Kam Tin Shui Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Mei, Kam Tin, Kam Tin Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Fung Kut Heung Public Toilet	Fung Kat Heung, Fung Kat Heung Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Shek Wu Wai Public Toilet	Shek Wu Wai, Shek Wu Wai Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Ping Shan Fung Chi Tsuen Public Toilet	Fung Chi Tsuen, Wang Tat Road, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Lam Hau Tsuen Public Toilet	Lam Hau Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	3	3	0	4
Pat Heung Tin Sum Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sam Tsuen, Kam Po Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tai Tong Road Nam Hang Pai Public Toilet	Hung Tso Tin Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	3	0	2
Lau Fau Shan Sheung Pak Nai Sha Kong Miu Public Toilet	Sha Kong Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Pat Heung Sheung Tsuen Wing Hing Wai Public Toilet	Chung Sum Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Nam Hing West Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Kam Tin Kam Hing Wai North Public Toilet	Kam Hing Wai, Chi Ho Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Kam Tin Kat Hing Wai Public Toilet	Kat Hing Wai, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ha Tsuen Tseung Kong Wai Public Toilet	Ha Tsuen Tseung Kong Wai Yuen Long	2	2	0	2
Pau Wai, Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Sik Kong Wai, Sik Kong Wai Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Fan Tin Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Fan Tin Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3

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Lin Fa Tei Public Toilet	Lin Fa Tei, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Shan Ha Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Shan Ha Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Kam Tsin Wai Public Toilet	Kam Tsin Wai, Kam Shui Road, Pat Heung Yuen Long	2	3	0	3
Ko Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Ko Po Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Hong Wai Public Toilet	Tai Hong Wai, Kam Tin Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Pak Nai Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan	Ha Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Ping Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Lau Fau Shan San Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	San Hing Tsuen, Lau Fau Shan Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Tong Kuk Public Toilet	Tai Tong Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Sik Kong Wai Public Toilet	Sik Kong Wai, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Fui Sha Wai Public Toilet	Fui Sha Wai, Castle Peak Road Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Hung Tso Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Hung Tso Tin Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ma Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Tin Tsuen, Ma Tin Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	3	4	0	5
Ngau Keng Tsuen Public Toilet	Ngau Keng, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Fuk Hing Lane, San Tin Public Toilet	San Tam Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Pun Uk Tsuen, San Tin Public Toilet	Pun Uk Tsuen, Lok Ma Chau Road, Lok Ma Chau, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Lok Ma Chau Tsuen, San Tin Public Toilet	Lok Ma Chau Road, Lok Ma Chau, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Wah Shing Tsuen, Kam Tin Public Toilet	Wah Shing Tsuen, San Tam Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Mong Tseng Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Tai Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Tong Tsuen, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Sha Kiu Ha Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Nam Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Nam Hang Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ng Ka Tsuen (inside) Public Toilet	Ng Ka Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
San Lung Wai Public Toilet	San Lung Wai, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Hong Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Hong Mei Tsuen, Ha Mei Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Tin Shui Wai Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai	4	5	0	6
Hang Hau Tsuen Public Toilet	Hang Hau Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Shui Chan Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Tsan Tin, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Yan Shau Wai Public Toilet	Yan Shau Wai, Castle Peak Road-San Tin, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ha Che East Public Toilet	Ha Che Tsuen, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
San Lee Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	San Lee Uk Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2

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Shui Tsiu Lo Wai Public Toilet	Shui Tsiu Lo Wai, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Tai Sang Wai (2) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Chung Sum Tsuen (Shek Tau Wai) Public Toilet	Shek Tau Wai, Sheung Tsuen, Nam Hing East Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chuk Yuen Tsuen Public Toilet	Chuk Yuen Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Tam Mi, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Wing Ning Tsuen Public Toilet	Wing Ning Tsuen, Yung Yuen Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shan Ha Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Shan Ha Tsuen, Shan Ha Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Shui Kan Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Kan Shek, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Yeung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Yeung Uk Tsuen, Castle Peak Road-Yuen Long, Au Tau, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Tin Sam Tsuen Public Toilet	Tin Sam, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Che West Public Toilet	Ha Che Tsuen, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Kam Hing Wai Public Toilet	Kam Hing Wai, Chi Ho Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Pak Nai Public Toilet	Sheung Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ma Tin Pok Public Toilet	Ma Tin Pok, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Ng Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Ng Uk Tsuen, Fuk Shun Street, Wang Chau, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Chung Pak Nai (1) Public Toilet	Nim Wan Road (Near Ha Pak Nai), Lau Fau Shan	1	2	0	2
Ngau Tam Mei East Public Toilet	Ngau Tam Mei Road, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Shing Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Shing Uk Tsuen, Fuk Shun Street, Wang Chau, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Muk Kiu Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Muk Kiu Tau Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Sha Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Sha Po Tsuen, Sha Po Tsuen Road, Kam Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Sai Pin Wai (1) Public Toilet	Sai Pin Wai, Sai Kai Road, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Tai Sang Wai (1) Public Toilet	Tai Sang Wai, Yuen Long	2	1	0	3
Chung Pak Nai (2) Public Toilet	Ngau Hom Shek, Sheung Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road Lau Fau Shan Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Shui Lau Tin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Lau Tin, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shek Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Shek Po Tsuen, Shek Po Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Mei Po Lung Tsuen Public Toilet	Mai Po Lung Tsuen, Mai Po Lung Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Fuk Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Chau, Fuk Hing Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Kiu Tau Wai Public Toilet	Kiu Tau Wai, Kiu Hung Road, Ping Shan, Yuen Long	2	1	0	2
Lai Sau Tsuen Public Toilet	Fraser Village, Tai Tong Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Sheung Che Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Che, Fan Kam Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Wong Nai Tun (1) Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tun Tsuen, Shui Tsiu San Tsuen Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Fung Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Fung Kong Tsuen, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Fu Tso Tsuen Public Toilet	Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1

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Tong Tau Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Tau Po Tsuen, Tai Shu Ha Road East, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ku Miu Cheung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Cheung Uk Tsuen, Sheung Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Lai Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lai Uk Tsuen, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
San Sang Tsuen Public Toilet	San Sang Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	4
Ha Tsuen Shi Public Toilet	Ha Tsuen Shi, Tin Ha Road (near Vegetable Marketing Organization), Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	1	0	4
Sha Kiu Sheung Wan Public Toilet	Sha Kiu Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Pang Ka Tsuen Public Toilet	Pang Ka Tsuen, Kam Tin Road, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Ng Ka Tsuen Public Toilet	Ng Ka Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Ki Lun Shan Public Toilet	Ki Lun Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Shui Chiu San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Tsiu San Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Yuen Kong San Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Kong San Tsuen, Pat Heung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Wong Nai Tun (2) Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tun Tsuen, Shui Tsiu San Tsuen Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Siu Hom Tsuen Public Toilet	Siu Hum Tsuen, Ka Lung Road, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Wai Chai Tsuen Public Toilet	Wai Tsai, Ngau Tam Mei Road, Ngau Tam Mei, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Pak Sha Tsuen (3) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Kiu Hing Road, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2

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Mong Tseng Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Tsuen, Deep Bay Road, Lau Fau Shan, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Nga Yiu Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Nga Yiu Tau, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chau Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Chau Tau, Chau Tau West Road, Lok Ma Chau, Yuen Long	2	2	0	4
Tai Kei Leng Public Toilet	Tai Kei Leng, Tai Shu Ha Road East, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Po Quar Ling Public Toilet	San Lee Uk Tsuen, Tin Ha Road, Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
To Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	To Uk Tsuen, Kam Sheung Road, Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	3	0	2
Ha Wan Tsuen Public Toilet	Ha Wan Tsuen, San Tin, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Small Traders New Village (1) Public Toilet	Siu Sheung San Tsuen, Tin Shing Wai, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Pak Sha Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Pak Sha Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1
Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (I)	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (I)	3	6	0	0
Public Toilet at Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (II)	Hong Kong Management Area at the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Western Corridor (II)	2	2	0	4
Cheung Po Tsuen	Cheung Po Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Sham Chung Tsuen Public Toilet	Sham Chung Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	1

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Sai Pin Wai (2) Public Toilet	Sai Pin Wai, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Chung Hau Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Chung Hau Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	2	0	2
Shan Pui Tsuen Public Toilet	Shan Pui Tsuen, Yuen Long	1	1	0	2
Mong Tseng Wai Public Toilet	Mong Tseng Wai, Yuen Long	2	2	0	3
Tung Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Tung Tau Tsuen, Yuen Long	2	2	0	4
North District					
Kai Leng Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Kai Leng Playground, Kai Leng Tsuen	3	2	0	2
Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Public Toilet	At side of Sheung Shui Heung Sitting-out Area No.9	3	3	0	4
Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Carpark Public Toilet	Sheung Shui Tung Hing Road Carpark	3	3	0	4
So Kwun Po Tsuen Public Toilet	Junction of San Wan Road & Chi Cheong Road, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Fan Leng Lau Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Lau Garden, Fanling Lau Road, Fanling	1	2	0	1
Shung Him Tong Public Toilet	Entrance to Shung Him Tong Tsuen, Fanling	3	4	0	4
Sheung Shui Wai Wai Noi Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Sheung Shui Heung Rural Area Committee, Wai Noi Tsuen, Sheung Shui Wai	4	2	0	6
Sheung Shui Wai Po Sheung Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Sheung Shui Heung Playground, Po Sheung Tsuen, Sheung Shui Wai	3	5	0	6
Fanling Wai Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Wai Playground, Fanling Wai	4	3	0	5
Shek Tsai Ling Public Toilet	Ho Sheung Heung Road near Bor Lau Road, Sheung Shui	2	0	1	3

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Fanling Wai (South) Public Toilet	San Wan Raod in front of Nam Hing Tong, Fanling Wai (South)	3	4	0	4
On Lok Tsuen Temporary Wholesale Market Public Toilet	At side of On Lok Tsuen Temporary Wholesale Market, Fanling	3	3	0	4
Wo Hop Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of carpark at Wo Hing Road, opposite to Wo Hop Shek San Tsuen, Fanling	3	4	0	4
Wo Hing Tsuen Public Toilet	Carpark at side of Wo Hing Tsuen, Fanling	3	2	0	4
Fanling Station Road Public Toilet	At side of Fanling Station Sitting-Out Area	3	3	0	5
Ping Yeung Old Village Public Toilet	Ping Yeung Sitting-Out Area, Ping Yeung Old Village, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Lung Wan Street Public Toilet	Near Landmark North Bus Terminus, Lung Wan Street, Sheung Shui	3	5	0	6
San Shing Avenue Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	At junction of San Shing Avenue and Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui	5	9	0	8
Luen Cheong Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Luen Cheong Street, Fanling	5	11	0	10
Che Ping Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	In front of Sha Tau Kok Market, Che Ping Street, Sha Tau Kok	5	9	0	8
Fung Wong Wu Public Toilet	Fung Wong Wu, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	1	2
Hang Tau Luen On Bridge Public Toilet	Hang Tau Luen On Bridge, Sheung Shui	3	2	0	3
Luk Keng Public Toilet	Luk Keng Road, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Wu Kau Tan Public Toilet	Wu Kau Tan, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Lo Wai Public Toilet	Lo Wai, Fanling	2	2	0	3

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Nam Chung Public Toilet	At side of Nam Chung Children Playground, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3
Ma Wat Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Wat Tsuen, Fanling	2	2	0	2
Kat O Island Public Toilet	At side of Kai To Pier, Kat O Island, Sha Tau Kok	6	6	0	8
Lai Chi Wo Public Toilet	Lai Chi Wo, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	3
Yin Kong (1) Public Toilet	At side of basketball court, Yin Kong Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Tze Tong Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of letter boxes of Tze Tong Tsuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Ho Sheung Heung (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to Ho Kai School, Ho Sheung Heung, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Ho Ka Yuen Public Toilet	Ho Ka Yuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Kan Lung Wai Public Toilet	Kan Lung Wai, Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling	2	2	0	2
Yin Kong (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 6, Lane 1, Yin Kong Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Ying Pun Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 44-64, Ying Pun San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Ap Chau Public Toilet	Pier at Ap Chau, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Liu Pok Tsuen (North) Public Toilet	Entrance to Liu Pok Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	2
Sheung Shui Wai Sheung Pak Tsuen Public Toilet	Rear of Tsuen Tsoi Kui, Sheung Shui Wai Sheung Pak Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Tan Shui Hang Village Public Toilet	Entrance to Tam Shui Hang Village, Sha Tau Kok	2	3	0	2
Tong Hang Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Hang Tsuen, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Lin Tong Mei (Residential Area) Public Toilet	Lin Tong Mei Residential Area, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	2

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Tan Chuk Hang Public Toilet	Tan Chuk Hang, Fanling	2	3	0	3
Lin Tong Mei Public Toilet	Lin Tong Mei, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Queen's Hill Public Toilet	Queen's Hill, Fanling	2	3	0	3
San Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Opposite to House No 55, San Uk Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3
Kam Tsin (South) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 100 Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ling Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	Entrance at access road behind Fanling Hospital	2	3	0	3
Kwu Tung (Lung Tang Kok) Public Toilet	At side of footbridge NF157 near Castle Peak Road	2	2	0	3
Ho Sheung Heung San Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Ho Sheung Heung San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Kwu Tung (Tung Fong) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Road near Entrance to Tung Fong, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	3
Fu Tei Au Public Toilet	Junction of Man Kam To Road and Fu Tei Au Road, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Tai Tau Leng Public Toilet	Tai Tau Leng Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Fung Kong (Tong Kok) Public Toilet	Fung Kong (Tong Kok), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	At side of Co-operative Society, Shun Yee San Tsuen, Sheung Shui	2	2	0	3
Liu Pok Tsuen (South) Public Toilet	Opposite to Liu Pok Tsuen playground, Sheung Shui	2	3	0	3
Ha Ma Tseuk Leng Public Toilet	Ha Ma Tseuk Leng, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	3

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Tai Po Tin (1) Public Toilet	Tai Po Tin, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Ha Shan Kai Wat (2) Public Toilet	Ha Shan Kai Wat, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	2
Tai Po Tin (2) Public Toilet	Tai Po Tin, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Sze Tau Leng Public Toilet	Sze Tau Leng, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Sheung Wo Hang Public Toilet	Sheung Wo Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
San Tong Po Public Toilet	San Tong Po, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Sheung Shan Kai Wat Public Toilet	Sheung Shan Kai Wat, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	2
Wo Keng Shan Public Toilet	Wo Keng Shan Sitting-out Area, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	3
Muk Min Tau Public Toilet	Entrance to Muk Min Tau Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Kan Tau Wai Public Toilet	Kan Tau Wai, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Tong Fong , Ta Kwu Ling Public Toilet	Tong Fong, Ta Kwu Ling	2	2	0	3
Lin Ma Hang Public Toilet	At side of Lin Ma Hang Playground, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Tsung Pak Long (South) Public Toilet	Tsung Pak Long (near Hak Ka Wai), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Fanling Fu Tei Pai Public Toilet	Fu Tei Pai (near Sunny Terrace), Fanling	1	3	0	2
Wing Ling Wai Public Toilet	Opposite House No. 32, Wing Ning Wai, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Ha Shan Kai Wat (1) Public Toilet	Ha Shan Kai Wat , Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Ta Kwu Ling Lei Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Lei Uk Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	1	0	2

Name of Public Toilet	Location of Public Toilet	Male Toilet			Female Toilet
		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Ping Che Tsuen (1) Public Toilet	Ping Che Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	3	0	2
Sha Tau Kok Man Uk Pin Public Toilet	Sha Tau Kok Man Uk Pin, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2
Kat O Sai O Public Toilet	Kat O Sai O, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2
Kwan Tei Tsuen Public Toilet	In front of Fu Tei Pei Village Letter-box, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Lung Yeuk Tau, Tung Kok Wai Public Toilet	Side of House No. 101, Tung Kok Wai, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Tsung Yuen Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Tsung Yuen Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Hung Leng Public Toilet	Hung Leng Tsuen in front of House No. 13E, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
On Po Tsuen Public Toilet	On Po Tsuen Carpark, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Kwu Tung (Tin Sum) Public Toilet	Kwu Tung Tin Sum, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Kwu Tung (near Kwu Tung Village Committee Office) Public Toilet	Rear of Kwu Tung Village Office, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Mei Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Mei Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Ta Kwu Ling San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ta Kwu Ling San Tsuen, Ping Che Road	1	2	0	2
Ping Che Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Junction of Ping Che Road and Ng Chau Road, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Chow Tin (2) Public Toilet	At side of Chow Tin Tsuen Village Office, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Muk Wu Tsuen Public Toilet	Muk Wu Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Tai Tong Wu Public Toilet	Tai Tong Wu, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Kwu Tung (Shek Tsai Leng) Public Toilet	Shek Tsai Leng at junction of Ma Tso Lung Road and Ho Sheung Heung Road., Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ki Lun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ki Lun Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Chow Tin(1) Public Toilet	Chow Tin Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Shan Tsui Public Toilet	At side of Shan Tsui Tsuen Rest Garden, Sha Tau Kok	1	3	0	2
Kuk Po (Lo Wai) Public Toilet	At entrance to Kuk Po Wai, Sha Tau Kok	2	2	0	1
San Uk Ling Public Toilet	At side of House No 18, Lane 1, San Uk Ling Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (2) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Shun Yee Tsuen (near House No. 19), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Tsung Pak Long (North) Public Toilet	Opposite to Tsung Pak Long Village Office, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
San Uk Tsai Public Toilet	At side of San Uk Tsai (Greenland Garden), Sha Tau Kok Road	1	3	0	2
Kwan Tei (North) Public Toilet	Kwan Tei North Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	1	0	2
Leng Tsai Tsuen Public Toilet	Leng Tsai Tsuen, Fanling	1	1	0	2
Sha Ling, Cheung Po Tau Public Toilet	Man Kam To Road at entrance to Cheung Po Tau, Sha Ling	1	3	0	2
Hang Tau Road Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 100 Hang Tau Road, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Fung Hang Public Toilet	Fung Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Luk keng (Wong Uk) Public Toilet	Luk keng Wong Uk Tsuen	1	1	0	2

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		Toilet Compartment	Urinal Bowl	Trough Urinal	Toilet Compartment
Man Kam To Public Toilet	Man Kam To Vehicle Holding Area	2	4	0	2
Kwu Tung (Shui Tong Hang) Public Toilet	Kwu Tung South Road, Sheung Shui	1	3	0	2
Shek Wu San Tsuen Public Toilet	Shek Wu San Tsuen, Sheung Shui (near Ng Tung River)	1	3	0	2
Sam Ah Public Toilet	Sam Ah, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Kat O Fisherman's Village Public Toilet	Kat O Fisherman's Village, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Yuen Ha Tsuen Public Toilet	Yuen Ha Tsuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Ma Me Ha Public Toilet	Ma Mei Ha Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	2	0	2
Ha Wo Hang Public Toilet	Ha Wo Hang, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Loi Tung Public Toilet	Loi Tung Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	2	1	0	2
Tsiu Keng Pang Uk Public Toilet	Tsiu Keng Pang Uk, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Wang Shan Keuk San Tsuen Public Toilet	Wang Shan Keuk San Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok Road	1	1	0	2
Nam Chung (Lo Uk) Public Toilet	Nam Chung Lo Uk Tsuen, Sha Tau Kok	1	2	0	2
Tsiu Keng Lo Wai Public Toilet	Tsiu Keng Lo Wai, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Leng Pei Tsuen Public Toilet	Leng Pei Tsuen in front of House No. 14, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Cheung Lek Tsuen Public Toilet	Side of House No.1 Cheung Lek Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Tong Kung Ling Public Toilet	Tong Kung Ling, Sheung Shui	1	1	0	2
Ping Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Ping Kong Tsuen at rear of King Lam Yuen, Fanling	1	2	0	2

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Hok Tau Tsuen Public Toilet	Hok Tau Tsuen at rear of Produce Green, Fanling	1	1	0	1
Kwu Tung (Tiu Yuen) Public Toilet	Rear of Kwu Tung Vegetable Marketing & Credit Co-operative Society, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ngar Yiu Public Toilet	Ngar Yiu, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Po Kak Tsai, Lau Shui Heung Public Toilet	Po Kak Tsai, Lau Shui Heung, Fanling	1	3	0	2
Sheung Ma Tseuk Leng Public Toilet	At side of Ma Tseuk Leng Children's Playgroup, Sha Tau Kok	1	1	0	2
Hang Tau (Ngai Yuen) Public Toilet	Hang Tau (Ngai Yuen), Sheung Shui	1	1	0	1
Ma Tso Lung (Yu Hing Tong) Public Toilet	Ma Tso Lung Yu Hing Tong (at side of access road), Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ma Tso Lung San Tsuen Public Toilet	Ma Cho Lung San Tsuen at side of House No.21, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ying Pun Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of House No. 15, Ying Pun Sheung Tsuen, Sheung Shui	1	2	0	2
Ng Uk Tsuen (Chung Chai Yuen) Public Toilet	Ng Uk Tsuen (Chung Chai Yuen)	1	1	0	1
Shek Wu Hui Public Toilet	Sheung Shui Entry / Exit Hub, San Wan Road, Sheung Shui	3	4	0	6
Chuk Yuen Village Public Toilet	Chuk Yuen, Ta Kwu Ling	1	2	0	2
Tai Po District					
Tai Po Centre Public Toilet	Blk. 20, Tai Po Centre, Tai Po	4	9	0	8
Tai Po Plaza Public Toilet	Tai Po Plaza, Tai Po	4	7	0	8

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Tai Po Market MTR Station Public Toilet	Tai Po Market Station, Tai Po	4	5	0	8
Tai Po Old Market Public Toilet	Tai Po Old Market, Tai Po	4	0	1	6
Nam Hang Public Toilet	Nam Hang Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	5
Ma Wo Public Toilet	Ma Wo Village, Tai Po	3	4	0	5
Tai Mei Tuk Public Toilet	Tai Mei Tuk Village, Tai Po	4	0	1	6
Pak Shing Street Public Toilet cum Bathhouse	Pak Shing Street, Tai Po	5	0	1	10
Pan Chung Public Toilet	Pan Chung Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	3
Kam Shan Road Public Toilet	Kam Shan Road, Tai Po	3	0	1	3
Yu Kok Public Toilet	Yue Kok Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	2
Shek Kwu Lung Public Toilet	Shek Kwu Lung Village, Tai Po	3	0	1	2
Shui Wai Public Toilet	Shui Wai Village, Tai Po	3	3	0	3
Fong Ma Po Public Toilet	Fong Ma Po, Lam Tsuen, Tai Po	5	7	0	12
Sam Mun Tsai Village (North) Public Toilet	Sam Mun Tsai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Sam Mun Tsai Village (South) Public Toilet	Sam Mun Tsai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Tap Mun Ha Wai Public Toilet	Tap Mun Ha Wai, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village North Public Toilet	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village South Public Toilet	Tap Mun New Fishermen's Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2

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Wong Yi Au Public Toilet	Wong Yi Au Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tai Po Tau South Public Toilet	Tai Po Tau Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Care Village West Public Toilet	Care Village West, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Tap Mun Pier Public Toilet	Tap Mun Pier, Tai Po	3	6	0	6
Ha Hang Village Public Toilet	Ha Hang Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Ng Tung Chai Public Toilet	Ng Tung Chai Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Tai Hang Chung Sum Wai Public Toilet	Chung Sum Wai, Tai Hang Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Chung Shun Lane Public Toilet	Chung Shun Lane, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
She Shan Tsuen Public Toilet	She Shan Tsuen, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Po Sam Pai Public Toilet	Po Sam Pai Village, Tai Po	2	3	0	3
Chong San Road Public Toilet	Chong San Road, Tai Po	4	4	0	10
CARE Village East Public Toilet	CARE Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	2
Fo Yin Road Public Toilet	Fo yin Road, Tai Po	4	4	0	10
Tung Ping Chau Public Toilet	Tung Ping Chau	2	2	0	4
Wai Tau Village Public Toilet	Wai Tau Villgae, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Hang Ha Po Village Public Toilet	Hang Ha Po Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Lin Au Village Public Toilet	Lin Au Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2

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San Tong Public Toilet	San Tong Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	1
Chung Uk Tsuen Public Toilet	Chung Uk Tsuen, Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Chai Kek Village Public Toilet	Chai Kek Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Hang Fui Sha Wai Public Toilet	Tai Hang Fui Sha Wai, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Cheung Shue Tan Village (2) Public Toilet	Cheung Shue Tan Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Om Village Public Toilet	Tai Om Village, Tai Po	0	2	0	2
Tai Mong Che Village Public Toilet	Tai Mong Che Village, Tai Po	0	2	0	2
Tong Min Tsuen Public Toilet	Tong Min Tsuen, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Kau Sun Wai Public Toilet	Tai Po Kau Sun Wai, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Sheung Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen Public Toilet	Sheung Pak Ngau Shek Tsuen, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
San Uk Tsai Village Public Toilet	San Uk Tsai Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Tau Village North Public Toilet	Tai Po Tau Village, Tai Po	2	2	0	3
Ping Long Village Public Toilet	Ping Long Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Mei Village Public Toilet	Tai Po Mei Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	1
Lung Ah Pai Village Public Toilet	Lung Ah Pai Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Ma Po Mei Village Public Toilet	Ma Po Mei Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	2

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Shui Wo Village Public Toilet	Shui Wo Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Cheung Shue Tan Village (1) Public Toilet	Cheung Shu Tan Village, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Shuen Wan Li Uk Public Toilet	Shuen Wan Li Uk , Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Yung Shue O Public Toilet	Yung Shue O Village, near Lamp post No. V4788	2	3	0	2
Nai Chung Pier Public Toilet	At side of Nai Chung Pier	1	3	0	2
Hoi Ha Public Toilet	At entrance of Hoi Ha Village	2	2	0	3
Pak Sha O Public Toilet	Pak Sha O	2	2	0	3
Ko Tong Ha Yeung Public Toilet	Ko Tong Ha Yeung	2	2	0	3
Chek Keng Public Toilet	Chek Keng	2	2	0	2
Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai Public Toilet	Kei Ling Ha Lo Wai	1	2	0	2
Tai Tung Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Tung Tsuen, near Lamp post No. VA4591-3	1	2	0	2
Che Ha Village Public Toilet	Che Ha Village	1	1	0	2
Kei Ling Ha Sun Wai Public Toilet	Kei Ling Ha Sun Wai	1	1	0	1
Kau Lung Hang Village Public Toilet	Kau Lung Hang Village, Tai Po	1	1	0	2
Nam Wah Po Public Toilet	Nam Wah Po, Tai Po (Near Tsung Tsin Church)	2	2	0	4
Tan Ka Wan Public Toilet	Tan Ka Wan, Tai Po	1	2	0	2
Ko Lau Wan (1) Public Toilet	Ko Lau Wan, Tai Po (Near Pier)	1	1	0	2

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Ko Lau Wan (2) Public Toilet	Ko Lau Wan, Tai Po (Near House No. 11)	3	0	0	0
Tai Hang Public Toilet	Tai Hang Tsz Tong Tsuen, Tai Po	1	4	0	3
Shatin District					
Shing Ho Road Public Toilet & Bathhouse	31, Shing Ho Road, Tai Wai	10	4	0	15
30, Wo Liu Hang Road Public Toilet	30, Wo Liu Hang Road, Fo Tan	3	4	0	6
Cheung Lek Mei Street Public Toilet	Near Fo Tan Nullah Cheung Lek Street, Fo Tan	5	0	1	7
Shan Mei Street Public Toilet	Near Fo Tan Cooked Market Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan	6	3	0	6
Kwei Tei Street Public Toilet	10-14, Kwei Tei Street, Fo Tan	5	0	2	6
Ma Liu Shui off Tolo Highway Public Toilet	Near Ma Liu Shui Pier Off Tolo Highway	5	0	1	5
Tin Sum Village Public Toilet	Tin Sum Village Car Park, Tin Sum Street	5	2	0	5
Kak Tin Street Public Toilet	Ha Kak Tin Village, Tai Wai	5	2	0	5
Hin Tin Street, Sheung Keng Hau Village Public Toilet	Hin Tin Street near Hin Keng Street	3	3	0	4
Fu Kin Street, Ha Keng Hau Village Public Toilet	At side of Ha Keng Hau Village Car Park, Fu Kin Street	3	3	0	4
Hin Kwai Lane, Hin Tin Village Public Toilet	Hin Kwai Lane near Hin Keng Street	3	2	0	4
Tsang Tai Uk Public Toilet	Tsang Tai Uk Village	2	2	0	3
Ngau Pei Sha Village Public Toilet	Junction of Sha Tin Wai Road & Ngau Pei Sha Street	3	3	0	4

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Wong Nai Tau Village Public Toilet	Wong Nai Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Sha Tin Tau Village Public Toilet	Sha Tin Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Shek Kwu Lung Village Public Toilet	Shek Kwu Lung Village	3	0	1	2
Sheung Pai Tau Village Public Toilet	Sheung Pai Tau Village	3	0	1	2
Siu Lek Yuen Village Public Toilet	Siu Lek Yuen Village	3	3	0	2
Wo Liu Hang Village Public Toilet	Wo Liu Hang Village	3	0	1	2
Chap Wai Kon Village Public Toilet	Chap Wai Kon Village	3	0	1	2
Shap Yi Watt Village Public Toilet	Entrance of Shap Yi Watt Village Sha Tin Pass Road	2	2	0	3
Science Park Road Public Toilet	Science Park Road, Ma Liu Shui	2	3	0	4
Tai Wai PTI Public Toilet	Adjoining Tai Wai Public Transport Interchange	5	7	0	8
Public Toilet at Ma Liu Shui	Pak Shek Kok, Ma Liu Shui	4	4	0	6
To Tau Village Public Toilet	Near the car park at To Tau Village, Wu Kai Sha	2	3	0	3
Fo Tan Village Public Toilet	Near Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan Village, Fo Tan	2	2	0	2
Tin Liu Village Public Toilet	Near No. 334, Pai Tau Village	1	2	0	2
Kwun Yam Shan Village Public Toilet	Kwun Yam Shan Village	1	1	0	2
Ma On Shan Village Hilltop Public Toilet	Near the car-park Ma On Shan Village Hilltop	1	3	0	2
University Station Public Toilet	University Station Cycling Entry / Exit Hub, Chak Cheung Street, Sha Tin, N.T.	3	5	0	6

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Sai Kung District					
Yi Chun Street Public Toilet	Opposite to Sai Kung Market, Yi Chun Street	8	6	0	8
Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate Public Toilet	Chun Yat Street, near Lamp Post No. EB6136	2	3	0	4
Yan King Road Bus Terminus Public Toilet	Yan King Road Metro City Plaza II Bus Terminus Public Toilet	4	7	0	8
Tai Au Mun Public Toilet	Near Tai Au Mun Car Park	2	2	0	4
Ho Chung Public Toilet	Near Ho Chung Car Park	1	1	0	2
Tui Min Hoi Public Toilet	Tui Min Hoi Village	3	0	1	3
Tseung Kwan O Village Public Toilet	Opposite to Lamp Post No. EA 1064, Po Hong Road	3	0	1	4
Boon Kin Village Public Toilet	Tin Ha Wan Road, near Lamp Post No. EA 1500	3	0	1	5
Clear Water Bay Second Beach Public Toilet	Near Clear Water Bay Second Beach Car Park	3	0	1	5
Pak Kong Tsuen Public Toilet	Pak Hong Road, opposite to Lamp post No. EB31651	2	0	1	3
Sha Kok Mei (1) Public Toilet	Sha Kok Mei Village, near Lamp post No. V8037-6	3	0	1	3
Sha Kok Mei (2) Public Toilet	Opposite to No. 18, Sha Kok Mei Village	3	0	1	3
Hang Hau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Hang Hau MTR Station	6	0	1	9
Tseung Kwan O Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Tseung Kwan O MTR Station	4	0	1	6

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Tiu Keng Leng Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet	Inside the public transport interchange at Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station	4	0	1	6
Tui Min Hoi (Chui Tong) Public Toilet	Tui Min Hoi (Chui Tong)	1	2	0	2
Tai Po Tsai Lower Village Public Toilet	Tai Po Tsai Lower Village	2	2	0	3
Pak Sha Wan Carpark Public Toilet	Pak Sha Wan Carpark	2	2	0	3
Tai Mong Tsai Public Toilet	At side of Tai Mong Tsai Carpark	2	2	0	3
Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan) Public Toilet	Sha Kiu (Leung Shuen Wan)	1	2	0	3
Tseng Lan Shue Public Toilet	Tseng Lan Shue, near Lamp post No. N8703(7)	2	2	0	3
Tsam Chuk Wan Public Toilet	Near the Anti-Japanese Martyrs Monuments in Tsam Chuk Wan	2	3	0	5
Hiram's Highway (Nam Wai) Public Toilet	Hiram's Highway, near Lamp post EA9898-1	2	2	0	3
Tai Chung Hau Public Toilet	At junction of Hiram's Highway and Tai Chung Hau Village	2	2	0	3
Po Toi O Public Toilet	Po Toi O Tsuen	2	2	0	3
Pik Uk Lower Village Public Toilet	Pik Uk Lower Village No.108	2	2	0	3
Tso Wo Hang Public Toilet	Tso Wo Hang	2	2	0	2
Ham Tin Public Toilet	Ham Tin	2	3	0	3
Sun On Tsuen Public Toilet	Po Lo Che Road, near Lamp post no. N2952-9	2	2	0	3
Nam Wai Public Toilet	At side of Nam Wai Village No. 55	1	2	0	2
Nam Shan Village Public Toilet	At side of Nam Shan Village No. 27	2	2	0	2

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Pak Wai Tsuen Public Toilet	At entrance of Pak Wai Tsuen	1	3	0	2
Hang Mei Teng Public Toilet	Hang Mei Teng	2	2	0	3
Mau Wu Tsai Public Toilet	Rear House No. 46 A, Mau Wu Tsai Village	1	2	0	2
Wai Sum Village Public Toilet	Mang Kung Uk Wai Sum Village	1	2	0	2
Pik Shui Shun Tsuen Public Toilet	At side of Pik Shui Sun Tsuen Mutual Help Committee Centre	1	3	0	2
Pak Sha Wan Church Public Toilet	Pak Sha Wan Church	1	2	0	2
Tai Wan Tau Public Toilet	Tai Wan Tau	1	3	0	2
Sheung Sze Wan Public Toilet	Sheung Sze Wan Village	1	3	0	2
Hung Fa Village Public Toilet	Pak Kong Au Road, near Lamp post No. V0983-0	1	2	0	2
Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet	Ma Yau Tong Village, near Lamp post No. VA 3728	1	2	0	2
Tsak Yue Wu Village Public Toilet	Tsak Yue Wu Village, near Lam post No. EA 0897	1	2	0	2
Ah Kung Wan Public Toilet	Ah Kung Wan	1	3	0	2
Mang Kung Uk Lower Village Public Toilet	Mang Kung Uk Lower Village	1	2	0	2
Po Lo Che Road Public Toilet	Po Lo Che Road, near Lam post No. 2767-3	1	2	0	2
Wong Yi Chau Public Toilet	At entrance of Wong Yi Chau Village	1	1	0	2
Ta Ku Ling Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Ta Ku Ling Sun Tsuen No. 3A	1	1	0	2
Sheung Yeung Public Toilet	Sheung Yeung Tsuen	1	1	0	2

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Shui Bin Tsuen Public Toilet	Shui Bin Tsuen, near Lamp Post No. V2190(8)	1	1	0	1
Yim Tin Tsai Public Toilet	Yim Tin Tsai	1	3	0	2
Tun Cheung Upper Village Public Toilet	Tun Cheung Upper Village, near Lamp post No. VA4989-8	1	2	0	2
Man Sau Sun Tsuen Public Toilet	Man Sau Sun Tsuen, near Lamp post No. 087007-4	2	1	1	2
Luk Mei Tsuen Public Toilet	Luk Mei Tsuen, near Lamp post N9103	3	1	1	2
Tai Miu Public Toilet	Tai Miu	1	1	0	2
Pak Sha Wan Fisherman Village Public Toilet	At side of Pak Sha Wan Fisherman Village No. 16	1	1	0	2
Tai Wan Tsuen Public Toilet	Tai Mong Tsai Road, near Lamp post No. 2555-7	1	1	0	2
Nam Pin Wai Public Toilet	At side of Nam Pin Wai Village No. 16	1	1	0	2
Ma Nam Wat Public Toilet	Ma Nam Wat	1	1	0	2
Muk Min Shan Road Public Toilet	Muk Min Shan Road	1	1	0	2

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Programme: (5) Trade Controls

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Clement CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

There was a decrease in the amount of administrative penalties imposed by the Customs and Excise Department in relation to import and export declarations in 2014 as compared to 2013. Please inform this Committee of the following:

a. The number of cases in which a fine was imposed for contravention of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 (commonly known as the "export control on powdered formula") broken down by month in 2014 as well as the total amount of fines involved;

b. Regarding the cases in which a fine was imposed, how many of them ended up in default of fine payment in 2014? What was the total amount of fines in default?

c. Regarding the cases of fines in default, which types of document of identity (e.g. Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card, multiple-entry endorsements, etc.) did the defendants hold?

d. Normally, how does the Government handle cases of default of fine payment? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

a) In 2014, there were 5 035 cases in which a fine was imposed by the Court for contravention of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 and the total amount of fines involved was \$20.11 million. Details are as follows:

Month Imposed	Number of Cases	Amount of Fines
January	320	\$922,350
February	261	\$669,600
March	327	\$890,500
April	429	\$1,199,750
May	534	\$1,500,198
June	567	\$2,532,700
July	502	\$2,254,700
August	438	\$2,081,550
September	424	\$1,965,788
October	431	\$2,081,200
November	404	\$2,099,212
December	398	\$1,907,450
Whole Year	5 035	\$20,104,998

b) & c) The Judiciary does not have the relevant breakdown figures.

d) A magistrate may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest to any person who fails to pay a fine. However, it is difficult to separately quantify the expenditure for handling such cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)171

(Question Serial No. 1096)

Head: (31) Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Clement CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) is the primary agency responsible for the suppression of smuggling activities. The Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013, which was implemented on 1 March 2013, controls the export of powdered formula for infants. In this regard, please advise on the following:

1. the statistical figures of prosecutions against the illegal export of powdered formula every year as well as the maximum and minimum penalty imposed on convictions since the implementation of the Regulation; and
2. has C&ED considered introducing a regular publication of the figures to strengthen publicity or to step up deterrence? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

1. Up to 28 February 2015, a total of 8 839 persons were convicted for contravention of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 by the Court. The maximum penalty imposed was an imprisonment for 140 days whereas the minimum penalty was a fine of \$200.
2. C&ED will continue its publicity on the Regulation and publish the latest enforcement and prosecution figures in a timely manner to help step up deterrence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)172

(Question Serial No. 1730)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to the Financial Secretary, the Government will consider introducing Food Trucks, which are popular abroad, to Hong Kong. However, given that roads are narrow and restricted parking areas are nearly everywhere in Hong Kong, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the proposed Food Trucks to park and operate in areas with considerable pedestrian flow. Smaller, portable mini-stalls (such as those selling dragon's beard candy, sugar onion cake and ice-cream along the walking trail that circles around Victoria Peak) may better meet the needs of visitors.

Please advise whether the Financial Secretary will consider refining/relaxing the proposal stated in paragraph 86 and issuing "itinerant portable food stall" licences to revitalise our local street food industry, boost employment/facilitate small businesses, and provide both local and overseas visitors with convenience.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chun, Paul (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

Food Truck is a new idea put forth by the Financial Secretary in his 2015-16 Budget Speech. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau has, in collaboration with the Food and Health Bureau, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Transport Department and other relevant bureaux and departments, begun studying such aspects as the vehicle specifications and requirements, licensing requirements, mode of operation, food safety and environmental hygiene, etc. with a view to bringing in more diverse delicacies for tourists and citizens. At this stage, the Government is actively looking into and collecting information on practices and experiences in overseas countries (e.g. North America, Japan, Korea, Europe etc.). The timetable and detailed plan for implementation will be subject to the outcome of the study and whether legislative amendment is required.

Meanwhile, in the interest of safeguarding food safety and environmental hygiene, FEHD will continue to take enforcement actions against unlicensed hawkers engaged in selling cooked food.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)173

(Question Serial No. 3294)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that relevant departments have been asked to implement as early as possible the proposal to facilitate alfresco dining operation, and to consider introducing Food Trucks, which are popular abroad, to the mix of Hong Kong's existing food scene. Please advise on the specific plan(s) to facilitate alfresco dining operation, as well as the implementation timetable of the relevant measures.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for Outside Seating Accommodation (OSA) permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance.

The following six recommendations have been implemented -

- (i) To highlight in the OSA Application Guide (the Guide) that parallel processing of separate OSA and restaurant licence applications is allowed and the outcome of restaurant licence application is independent of that of the OSA application;
- (ii) To allow the granting of OSA permission to a provisional restaurant licence;
- (iii) To enhance the mechanism for considering objections to OSA applications from the public by seeking the relevant departments' comments in regard to complaint and enforcement statistics related to the restaurant under OSA application;
- (iv) To convene joint departmental meetings with applicants at which relevant departments will discuss their concerns/objections with the applicants direct;

- (v) To streamline the processing procedures for OSA applications by confining referral of such applications only to government departments which should be involved; and
- (vi) To streamline the application process for issue of land licence so that the Lands Department can issue the land licence to the applicants in a timely manner.

Implementation of the following four recommendations is underway -

- (vii) To consider relaxing the pre-requisite of open space adjoining the restaurant for OSA application without compromising public interest;
- (viii) To enhance the Guide to make it more informative and business-friendly;
- (ix) To include OSA in the Licence Application Tracking Facility currently provided by the Department for applicants to monitor the progress of their applications on-line; and
- (x) To adopt the “cancel and re-issue” approach to replace the current practice of processing a fresh application to shorten the land licence processing time in relation to the transfer of restaurant licence.

We plan to have them implemented within 2015.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3295)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Budget Speech has mentioned that the proposal to facilitate alfresco dining operation will be implemented as early as possible. In this connection, please advise on the work plan(s) concerned and the preliminary option(s). Please also advise whether small businesses will be given primary consideration when formulating the licensing criteria.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

At present, if a restaurant licensee/licence applicant intends to use any open space adjoining the restaurant for alfresco dining, he/she is required to obtain approval for outside seating accommodation (OSA) from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The major assessment considerations include the legal right to use the land concerned, compliance with the statutory planning restriction, building safety, fire safety, traffic requirements, views of the local community and hygiene requirements, such as provision of adequate food preparation area and sanitary facilities, etc. These regulatory considerations apply to all applicants alike. Therefore, applications for OSA are all made by existing restaurant licensees or those who are concurrently applying for restaurant licences. The Department provides a "one-stop-shop" licensing service in processing OSA applications. We will arrange for the necessary referrals to the concerned departments and follow through the whole process.

In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight departments (including the Department, Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for OSA permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance.

The following six recommendations have been implemented -

- (i) To highlight in the OSA Application Guide (the Guide) that parallel processing of separate OSA and restaurant licence applications is allowed and the outcome of restaurant licence application is independent of that of the OSA application;
- (ii) To allow the granting of OSA permission to a provisional restaurant licence;
- (iii) To enhance the mechanism for considering objections to OSA applications from the public by seeking the relevant departments' comments in regard to complaint and enforcement statistics related to the restaurant under OSA application;
- (iv) To convene joint departmental meetings with applicants at which relevant departments will discuss their concerns/objections with the applicants direct;
- (v) To streamline the processing procedures for OSA applications by confining referral of such applications only to government departments which should be involved; and
- (vi) To streamline the application process for issue of land licence so that the Lands Department can issue the land licence to the applicants in a timely manner.

Implementation of the following four recommendations is underway -

- (vii) To consider relaxing the pre-requisite of open space adjoining the restaurant for OSA application without compromising public interest;
- (viii) To enhance the Guide to make it more informative and business-friendly;
- (ix) To include OSA in the Licence Application Tracking Facility currently provided by the Department for applicants to monitor the progress of their applications on-line; and
- (x) To adopt the "cancel and re-issue" approach to replace the current practice of processing a fresh application to shorten the land licence processing time in relation to the transfer of restaurant licence.

We plan to have them implemented within 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)175****(Question Serial No. 3296)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please set out the locations suitable for alfresco dining operation in Hong Kong, and advise whether a certain proportion of spaces in these locations will be offered to young people and the elderly for priority applications so as to avoid monopoly of the industry.

Asked by: Hon YIU Si-wing (Member Question No. 32)Reply:

At present, if a restaurant licensee/licence applicant intends to use any open space adjoining the restaurant for alfresco dining, he/she is required to obtain approval for outside seating accommodation (OSA) from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The major assessment considerations include the legal right to use the land concerned, compliance with the statutory planning restriction, building safety, fire safety, traffic requirements, views of the local community and hygiene requirements, such as provision of adequate food preparation area and sanitary facilities, etc. These regulatory considerations apply to all applicants alike. Therefore, applications for OSA are all made by existing restaurant licensees or those who are concurrently applying for restaurant licences. The Government does not have a designated list of locations suitable for alfresco dining.

As at 31 December 2014, 274 restaurants have obtained OSA permission from the Department. Their distribution is as follows –

District	No. of restaurants with OSA permission
Central / Western	12
Eastern	4
Southern	15
Wan Chai	16

Islands	6
Yau Tsim	43
Mong Kok	6
Sham Shui Po	0
Kowloon City	2
Wong Tai Sin	18
Kwun Tong	1
Tsuen Wan	24
Kwai Tsing	2
North	4
Tai Po	12
Sai Kung	34
Sha Tin	26
Tuen Mun	22
Yuen Long	27
Total	274

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)176

(Question Serial No. 3297)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 86 of the Budget Speech that the Government will implement the proposal to facilitate alfresco dining operation, and consider introducing Food Trucks, which are popular abroad, to the mix of Hong Kong's existing food scene. In this connection, please advise on the specific plan(s) to facilitate alfresco dining, as well as relevant details.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for Outside Seating Accommodation (OSA) permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance.

The following six recommendations have been implemented -

- (i) To highlight in the OSA Application Guide (the Guide) that parallel processing of separate OSA and restaurant licence applications is allowed and the outcome of restaurant licence application is independent of that of the OSA application;
- (ii) To allow the granting of OSA permission to a provisional restaurant licence;
- (iii) To enhance the mechanism for considering objections to OSA applications from the public by seeking the relevant departments' comments in regard to complaint and enforcement statistics related to the restaurant under OSA application;

- (iv) To convene joint departmental meetings with applicants at which relevant departments will discuss their concerns/objections with the applicants direct;
- (v) To streamline the processing procedures for OSA applications by confining referral of such applications only to government departments which should be involved; and
- (vi) To streamline the application process for issue of land licence so that the Lands Department can issue the land licence to the applicants in a timely manner.

Implementation of the following four recommendations is underway -

- (vii) To consider relaxing the pre-requisite of open space adjoining the restaurant for OSA application without compromising public interest;
- (viii) To enhance the Guide to make it more informative and business-friendly;
- (ix) To include OSA in the Licence Application Tracking Facility currently provided by the Department for applicants to monitor the progress of their applications on-line; and
- (x) To adopt the “cancel and re-issue” approach to replace the current practice of processing a fresh application to shorten the land licence processing time in relation to the transfer of restaurant licence.

We plan to have them implemented within 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)177

(Question Serial No. 3298)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Budget Speech has mentioned that the Government will consider introducing Food Trucks to Hong Kong so that visitors can enjoy delicacies and Hong Kong's spectacular scenery at the same time. Please advise on the Department's policy to facilitate alfresco dining operation.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. 57)

Reply:

In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for Outside Seating Accommodation (OSA) permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance.

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Implementation of the following four recommendations is underway -

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- (ix) To include OSA in the Licence Application Tracking Facility currently provided by the Department for applicants to monitor the progress of their applications on-line; and
- (x) To adopt the “cancel and re-issue” approach to replace the current practice of processing a fresh application to shorten the land licence processing time in relation to the transfer of restaurant licence.

We plan to have them implemented within 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)178

(Question Serial No. 3299)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In his Budget Speech, the Financial Secretary mentioned that he had asked relevant departments to implement as early as possible the proposal to facilitate alfresco dining operation. In this connection, please advise on the details, the timetable, as well as the manpower and financial resources, of the plan(s) concerned.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 56)

Reply:

In 2013, the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office formed a Working Group comprising representatives from eight departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), Fire Services Department, Buildings Department, Lands Department, Planning Department, Housing Department, Transport Department and Home Affairs Department) to review the procedures involved in handling applications for Outside Seating Accommodation (OSA) permission from restaurants. The Working Group has put forward ten recommendations to enhance and streamline the OSA application procedures with a view to shortening the processing time and facilitating trade compliance.

The following six recommendations have been implemented -

- (i) To highlight in the OSA Application Guide (the Guide) that parallel processing of separate OSA and restaurant licence applications is allowed and the outcome of restaurant licence application is independent of that of the OSA application;
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- (iii) To enhance the mechanism for considering objections to OSA applications from the public by seeking the relevant departments' comments in regard to complaint and enforcement statistics related to the restaurant under OSA application;
- (iv) To convene joint departmental meetings with applicants at which relevant departments will discuss their concerns/objections with the applicants direct;

- (v) To streamline the processing procedures for OSA applications by confining referral of such applications only to government departments which should be involved; and
- (vi) To streamline the application process for issue of land licence so that the Lands Department can issue the land licence to the applicants in a timely manner.

Implementation of the following four recommendations is underway -

- (vii) To consider relaxing the pre-requisite of open space adjoining the restaurant for OSA application without compromising public interest;
- (viii) To enhance the Guide to make it more informative and business-friendly;
- (ix) To include OSA in the Licence Application Tracking Facility currently provided by the Department for applicants to monitor the progress of their applications on-line; and
- (x) To adopt the “cancel and re-issue” approach to replace the current practice of processing a fresh application to shorten the land licence processing time in relation to the transfer of restaurant licence.

We plan to have them implemented within 2015.

There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the handling of applications for OSA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)179****(Question Serial No. 4374)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that as regards the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch), the estimated 39 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2015 will rise by 2 posts to 41 posts as at 31 March 2016. What are the type and job nature of the new posts? In addition, there will be 8 directorate posts. Could the Government inform this Committee of the type, salary, allowance and job nature of the 8 directorate posts as well as the type, number, salary, allowance and job nature of the 41 non-directorate permanent posts?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

Details of the establishment and rank of the 8 directorate posts and the provisions for salaries, job-related allowances and personnel-related expenses for such posts in 2015-16 are as follows –

Rank	No. of Post	Job Nature	Provisions for Salaries, job-related Allowances and Personnel-related Expenses in 2015-16 (\$'000) ^{Note}
Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1(D8)	1	Providing steer over the various policy initiatives under the portfolio of Food Branch, covering subjects including food supply, food safety, food standards (including regulatory control over formula products and foods intended for infants and young children), hawkers	16,371
Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 (D4)	1		
Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (D3)	1		
Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)	3		

		and markets, columbarium, pest control, environmental hygiene, agriculture, fisheries, avian influenza, animal welfare, etc.	
Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)	1	Providing administrative assistance to the Secretary for Food and Health	
Principal Management Services Officer (D1)	1	Overseeing resource management and administration of the Bureau	

The above directorate officers are supported by 41 non-directorate posts of multi-disciplinary ranks, including 2 new posts (marked with an asterisk in the table below) to be created in 2015-16. Details of the establishment, rank and job nature of the non-directorate posts and the provisions for salaries, job-related allowances and personnel-related expenses for such posts in 2015-16 are as follows –

Rank	No. of Post	Job Nature	Provisions for Salaries, Job-related Allowances and Personnel-related Expenses in 2015-16 (\$'000) ^{Note}
Senior Administrative Officer	5	Providing administrative support	24,925
Administrative Officer	2		
Senior Executive Officer	5	Providing executive support	
Executive Officer I	2		
Executive Officer II	2*		
Systems Manager	1	Providing IT support	
Analyst/Programmer I	1		
Senior Information Officer	1	Providing public relations and publicity support, as well as media liaison services	
Personal Assistant	2	Providing secretarial and clerical support	
Senior Personal Secretary	2		
Personal Secretary I	5		
Personal Secretary II	2		
Clerical Officer	1		
Assistant Clerical Officer	5		
Clerical Assistant	3		
Personal Chauffeur	1	Providing transport services	
Chauffeur	1		
	Total	41	

Note : Excluding provisions for posts on-loan to FHB and supernumerary posts created to accommodate replacements for officers on pre-retirement leave.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB (FE)180

(Question Serial No. 4375)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Office of the Secretary for Food and Health is responsible for providing support to the Secretary for Food and Health in undertaking political work. This includes the support provided by the Under Secretary and the Political Assistant. The work includes the planning, co-ordination and implementation of all arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions. Please tabulate the time, venue, number of people accompanying in the functions, expenditure and details of the Secretary's public and community functions over the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The Secretary for Food and Health attended public, media and community functions from time to time on the basis of operational need. We have not kept statistical records of such events. The expenditure incurred in connection with the attendance of such events, if any, has been reflected in the operating expenses of the Bureau.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)181

(Question Serial No. 4851)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (001) Salaries

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the estimated emoluments and allowances for the Secretary for Food and Health, the Under Secretary for Food and Health and the Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 103)

Reply:

For budgetary purposes, the provisions reserved in 2015-16 for the salary in respect of the positions of Secretary for Food and Health, Under Secretary for Food and Health and Political Assistant to Secretary for Food and Health are \$3.58 million, \$2.33 million and \$1.25 million respectively. No provisions for allowances have been reserved in 2015-16 for the above officials.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)182

(Question Serial No. 4959)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding studies conducted by consultancy firms or research institutions commissioned by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) over the past 3 years, will the Bureau set out in the table below their details and estimated provisions?

Period	Study	Objective	Scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The information requested is provided at the Annex.

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Period	Study	Objective	Scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure (\$million)
January to November 2013	Business Impact Assessment on the licensing scheme for private columbaria	To conduct a business impact assessment on the licensing scheme for private columbaria	To determine the likely impact of the proposed Private Columbarium Bill on private columbarium operators and identify key implementation issues so that effective plans and measures can be put in place to address them.	Pricewaterhouse Coopers Advisory Services Limited	9 (1 engagement partner, 1 team leader, 5 subject matter experts and 2 team members)	1.430
February to April 2013	Market Survey on the Supply and Price of Live Cattle and Fresh Beef in the Mainland and Hong Kong	To provide empirical data for informed comparisons as well as an objective basis for the Government to analyse issues related to the market and consider the way forward.	To collect information on the prices, quality and costs of fresh beef in Hong Kong and the nearby Mainland cities.	Policy 21 Limited	20 (1 project director, 6 subject matter experts and 13 team members)	0.250
June to December 2013	Consultancy Study on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 Months	To assess improvements measures to ensure steady and sufficient supply of powdered formula for local infants and young children aged under 36 months.	To evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the improvement measures on the powdered formula supply chain proposed by the trade in a non-regulated environment, and to provide advice on how the improvement measures could be enhanced or refined.	BMT Asia Pacific Limited	10 (1 project director, 9 major team members)	0.816
August/September to December 2013	Stress Test Service on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 months	To assist the Government in planning and conducting the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain during the National Day Golden Week in 2013 as well as the days immediately	To spot-check the effectiveness and sustainability of the supply chain improvement measures from the seven major suppliers in simulated situations of heavy demand without export control.	Cimigo Limited	10 (1 team leader, 9 management team members)	1.560 (including \$1.159 million and \$0.401 million under the respective contracts awarded in August and September 2013)

Period	Study	Objective	Scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure (\$million)
		before and after it.				
September to December 2013	Conducting Warehouse Inventory Monitoring in the Stress Test on Powdered Formula Supply Chain Improvements	To conduct qualitative assessment of warehouse inventory management during the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain.	To conduct inventory monitoring and stock handling at warehouses or other pressure points along the supply chain of major suppliers	BMT Asia Pacific Limited	10 (1 project director, 9 major team members)	0.515
December 2013 to February 2014	Surveys of the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level	To enable the Government to have a grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level in the run up to the 2014 Lunar New Year.	To conduct stock availability surveys and price surveys at chain stores and pharmacies for a total of six products of two major brands of powdered formula	Cimigo Limited	10 (1 team leader, 9 management team members)	0.245
December 2013 to January 2015	Public markets	To study ways to improve the operating environment of public markets	To recommend improvement plans to commensurate with their updated functions and positioning.	BMT Asia Pacific Limited	16 (2 team leaders, 1 project manager, 2 expert advisors, 11 supporting members)	1.997
The surveys commenced in April 2014 are still in progress	Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level	To enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015 before the Lunar New Year.	To conduct surveys on each of stock availability and price levels at chain stores and pharmacies.	Cimigo Limited	10 (1 team leader, 9 management team members)	2.335 (Including \$1.825 million for basic service and \$0.510 million for optional service)

Period	Study	Objective	Scope of study	Research institution	Manpower involved	Expenditure (\$million)
May 2014 to March 2015	Periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula	To gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels in purchasing powdered formula, from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015 before the Lunar New Year	To conduct surveys aiming at soliciting local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels	Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited	5 (1 team leader, 4 major team members)	0.448

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3942)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to Programme 2, the Government will, in the coming year, take into account the views received from the public consultation exercise surrounding the new policy on agricultural development and devise measures to sustain and upgrade the development of local agriculture. Please advise on the following:

1. What are the expenditure and manpower involved in the public consultation exercise to be conducted in the coming year? Apart from public consultation, will the Government plan to hold any seminars to discuss the new agricultural policy with agricultural stakeholders and workers in order to keep abreast of the existing situation in agricultural development? If so, what are the details and the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
2. The public consultation document on the new agricultural policy has not proposed any measures to properly utilise the 3 794 hectares of presently deserted agricultural land, prescribe self-sufficiency rates of agriculture, or step up inspection to suppress illegal and malicious damaging of agricultural land. Will the Government adopt and incorporate the above views into the new agricultural policy? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
3. As the scopes of work of a number of bureaux are involved in the agricultural policy, such as land use planning, economic and agricultural development, and ecological environment and conservation, will the Food and Health Bureau set up an inter-bureau working group to coordinate the formulation of the new agricultural policy? If so, what are the details and the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuen-han (Member Question No. 3)

Reply:

1. The public consultation on “New Agricultural Policy: Sustainable Agricultural Development in Hong Kong” runs from 29 December 2014 to 31 March 2015. During this period, the Government has organised three public consultative fora, and attended some 20 meetings and seminars organised by various interested parties (including the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene, relevant District Councils, Heung Yee Kuk etc.). The manpower required for the work related to the public consultation is absorbed by existing resources in the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).
2. The views collected from the consultation exercise will be fully taken into account when we map out the way forward.
3. In mapping out the way forward for the new agricultural policy, FHB and AFCD will continue to work closely with other relevant bureaux and departments. We will set up inter-departmental working groups if and when appropriate for the purpose of implementing proposals underpinning the new policy. At this stage, we are unable to estimate the manpower and expenditure involved in implementing the proposals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)184

(Question Serial No. 6268)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In the past 5 years, has the Government conducted any census on the population of vegetarians in Hong Kong? How many are they?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 617)

Reply:

The Government has not conducted any census on the population of vegetarians in Hong Kong in the past 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)185****(Question Serial No. 4670)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the records management work of your bureau and the departments under its purview over the past year:

1. Please provide information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform such work. If there is no officer designated for such work, please provide information on the number of officers and the hours of work involved in records management duties, and the other duties they have to undertake in addition to records management;
2. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not having been transferred

3. Please list in the table below information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention:

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

4. Please list in the table below information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS:

Category of records	Names of records	Years covered by the records	Number and Linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 166)

Reply:

The details of records management work in the Food and Health Bureau and its departments under the Food portfolio, i.e. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Government Laboratory are provided at Annex 1, Annex 2, Annex 3 and Annex 4 respectively.

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Records management work
in the Food and Health Bureau (FHB)

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in FHB is provided below -

Two Confidential Assistants, two Assistant Clerical Officers and one Clerical Assistant are designated to carry out records management duties on a full time basis in FHB, including both Food Branch (Head 139) and Health Branch (Head 140). The other clerical and secretarial staff in the Bureau will also perform routine records management duties in addition to their own operational duties. At management level, a directorate officer overseeing records management is underpinned by the Departmental Records Manager (at Senior Executive Officer level) and an Assistant Departmental Records Manager (at Executive Officer II level) to coordinate and perform records management work in the Bureau. Thirteen Records Managers not below the rank of Executive Officer II or equivalent are also appointed to oversee records management matters in their respective units.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to the Government Records Service (GRS) for appraisal in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1946 - 1989	42 records (1.68 lm)	5 - 25 years	8 records of which are confidential	Pending GRS's further instruction
Administrative records	1974 - 2013	417 records (16.68 lm)	1 - 7 years	262 records of which are confidential	Pending GRS's further instruction

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Nil*	-	-	-	-	-

* In 2014, 108 administrative records have been transferred to GRS for appraisal upon its request. Of which, 6 have been appraised by GRS with no archival value and thus approved for destruction while the remaining 102 are still under GRS's appraisal.

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Administrative records	Records relating to administration; accommodation and facilities; procurement and supplies; finance and accounting; human resources; and management of information, information services and information technology	1973 - 2011	898 records (35.92 lm)	Not applicable	2 - 4 years	568 records of which are confidential

Records management work
in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in AFCD is provided below -

A total of 11 staff in the Department, including 2 Clerical Officers, 2 Assistant Clerical Officers, 5 Clerical Assistants and 2 Confidential Assistants, are deployed full time to carry out records management work. To ensure proper management of departmental records, the Department has assigned the Departmental Secretary (at the rank of Chief Executive Officer) as the Departmental Records Manager and 9 officers of various grades and ranks as Assistant Departmental Records Managers. They oversee the establishment, implementation and documentation of departmental records management practices and procedures according to the relevant guidelines and instructions of GRS and the departmental records management policy, in addition to performing other duties.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1955 - 2000	99 records (2.07 lm)	5 - 15 years	No	Pending GRS's approval
Administrative records	1937 - 1983	124 records (3.18 lm)	2 - 7 years	No	Pending GRS's approval
Administrative records	1961 - 1983	139 records (3.97 lm)	2 years - Retain until superseded or obsolete	Yes	Pending GRS's approval

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	2002 - 2009	331 records (33.33 lm)	2014	10 years	No
Administrative records	1961 - 1997	75 records (2.96 lm)	2014	15 years	Yes

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Records relating to summon notices given to the public under the Country Parks Ordinance; engineering matters; agricultural, fisheries and conservation; management of departmental venues; and economic affairs.	1961 - 2010	1 640 (16.80 lm)	Not applicable	3 - 15 years	1 172 of which are confidential
Administrative records	Records relating to procurement and supplies; finance and accounting; and human resources.	1962 - 2011	1 725 (97.78 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 7 years	No

Records management work
in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in FEHD is provided below -

The day-to-day records management work is mainly undertaken by the registry staff (e.g. clerical grades staff) of the Department on a full-time or part-time basis. At the headquarters level, apart from staff who work on records management on a part-time basis, a total of 12 staff, including one Assistant Clerical Officer, six Clerical Assistants, one Senior Confidential Assistant, four Confidential Assistants, are deployed full time to carry out records management work. At the section/district level, such work is taken up by staff on a part-time basis. On the management side, the Department has appointed officers at different levels to oversee records management policies and activities on a part-time basis in addition to their other administrative or operational duties. A directorate officer overseeing records management is underpinned by the Departmental Records Manager and Branch Records Managers at Chief Executive Officer level to establish and implement comprehensive records management programmes at departmental and branch levels respectively. A total of 118 Records Managers not below the rank of Executive Officer II or equivalent are also appointed to oversee records management matters in each section/district.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Programme records	1999 - 2014	235 records (9.88 lm)	5 - 7 years	Yes	These files are still under their retention period
Administrative records	2005 - 2014	733 records (33.77 lm)	2 - 7 years	No	These files are still under their retention period

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	1946 - 2010	630 records (19.67 lm)	2014	Not applicable [#]	Yes
Administrative records	1980 - 2007	36 records (2.12 lm)	2014	3 - 5 years	No

These are old files without a disposal schedule. They have been appraised to have archival values and transferred to GRS for retention.

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Records relating to food chemistry; food import and export; cleansing; hawkers; licensing; and markets	1947 - 2010	11 525 records (213.37 lm)	Not applicable	2 - 7 years	Yes
Administrative records	Records relating to administration; accommodation and facilities; equipment and supplies; finance and accounting; human resources; and management of information, information services and information technology.	1958 - 2012	6 857 records (287.21 lm)	Not applicable	6 months - 7 years	Yes

Records management work
in the Government Laboratory (GL)

1. Information on the number and rank of officers designated to perform records management work in GL is provided below -

In GL, 30 officers from various grades and ranks are involved in records management work, as part of their duties. On average, they spend about 10% of their working hours each day on such work. On top of records management, depending on the nature of their posts, they will be involved in other clerical, secretarial, personnel, financial, accounting, procurement and office management duties. To ensure proper management of departmental records, the Department has assigned the Departmental Secretary (at the rank of Senior Executive Officer) as the Departmental Records Manager and 2 officers at the rank of Executive Officer I as Assistant Departmental Records Managers. They oversee the establishment, implementation and documentation of departmental records management practices and procedures according to the relevant guidelines and instructions of the Government Records Service and the departmental records management policy, in addition to performing other duties.

2. Information on programme and administrative records which have been closed pending transfer to GRS for appraisal in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents	Reasons for not transferring
Nil	-	-	-	-	-

3. Information on programme and administrative records which have been transferred to GRS for retention in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Nil	-	-	-	-	-

4. Information on records which have been approved for destruction by GRS in 2014 is provided below -

Category of records	Name of records	Years covered by the records	Number and linear metres of records	Years that the records were transferred to GRS	Retention period approved by GRS	Are they confidential documents
Programme records	Case files of analytical tests	2009 - 2012	20 233 records (930 lm)	Not applicable	1 - 2 years	No

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)186

(Question Serial No. 4671)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview over the 2 years of 2013-14 and 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department and year	Estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Actual expenses on entertainment and gifts in the year	Cap on entertainment expenses (including beverages) per head for the year	Cap on gift expenses per guest for the year	Number of receptions held and total number of guests entertained in the year

2. Regarding the expenses on entertainment and gifts of your bureau and the departments under its purview in 2014-15, please provide details using the table below:

Bureau/ branch/ department	Date of reception (day/ month/ year)	Departments/ organisations and titles of the guests entertained (grouped by department/ organisation and indicating the number of guests)	Food expenses incurred in the reception	Beverage expenses incurred in the reception	Gift expenses incurred in the reception	Venue of the reception (department office/ restaurant in government facilities/ private restaurant/ others (please specify))

3. Please provide the estimated expenses on entertainment and gifts for 2015-16 using the table below:

Bureau/branch/ Department	Estimated provision for expenses on entertainment and gifts	Cap on entertainment expenses per guest	Cap on gift expenses per guest

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 167)

Reply:

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines when providing official entertainment in the form of meals. Government officers are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy when entertaining guest(s) for official purposes in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance. According to the existing general guidelines, the expenditure limits on official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips. The actual expenditure on official entertainment incurred by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

and departments under its purview in 2013-14 and 2014-15, and the provision earmarked for 2015-16 are listed in the table below:

Financial Year	Expenditure on official entertainment (\$'000)			
	Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Government Laboratory
2013-14	146	241	48	17
2014-15 (as at 28.2.2015)	152	269	33	0
2015-16 (Estimate)	160	175	54	20

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, we do not have the relevant statistics.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)187****(Question Serial No. 4673)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health(Food)(Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the studies, if any, conducted by your bureau and the departments under your purview for the purpose of formulating and assessing policies, please provide information about the studies in the following format.

- (a) Please provide information on the funded public policy studies and strategic public policy studies over the past 2 financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15) in the following table:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (b) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct internal studies this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Title, content and objective of the project	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?

- (c) Are there any projects for which funds have been reserved to conduct consultancy studies this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
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- (d) What are the criteria for considering the award of consultancy projects to the research institutions concerned?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 171)

Reply:

- (a) Information on studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated in the past 2 financial years is at Annex A.
- (b) We have not reserved funds to conduct internal studies in 2015-16.
- (c) A list of consultancy studies under planning is at Annex B.
- (d) Consultancy proposals are evaluated in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Stores and Procurement Regulations. Consulting firms are requested to submit a technical proposal and a fee proposal separately for our assessment. In general, technical proposals submitted by potential consultants will be assessed according to the firm's experience in conducting consultancy studies and expertise in the subject area, the firm's understanding of the study requirements, the study approach and methodology, related knowledge and experience, as well as the composition of the proposed consultancy team. The combined score of the technical and fee proposals will form the basis of awarding the consultancy project to the selected consultant.

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**Studies on public policy and strategic public policy for which funds had been allocated
in 2013-14 and 2014-15**

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Service of conducting survey to provide cumulative data on cattle population and distribution to facilitate more effective management of stray cattle and buffalo	0.380	April 2013	Completed in October 2013	The Government is studying the population size and distribution of feral cattle and water buffalo for long term strategic planning	Findings have been sent to interested parties and they will be made available upon request.
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Consultancy Study on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children Aged under 36 Months The Study was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness and sustainability of the improvement measures on the powdered formula supply chain proposed by the trade in a non-regulated environment, and to provide advice on how the improvement measures could be enhanced or refined.	0.816	June 2013	Completed in December 2013	Having considered the results of the stress test (see item below) on the powdered formula supply chain, the Consultant's assessment and the views of the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula, the Government considers it premature to repeal the legal provisions regulating the export of powdered formula at this stage. The Government has urged the trade to actively follow up on the recommendations on improving the supply chain proposed by the Consultant.	The outcome of the Study was reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Stress Test Service on Supply Chain Improvements to Ensure Steady and Sufficient Supply of Powdered Formula for Local Infants and Young Children	1.560 (including \$1.159 million and \$0.401 million under the respective contracts awarded in	Aug. and Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	The findings were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 December 2013.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/ tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		Aged under 36 months The key objective of the service is to assist the Government in planning and conducting the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain during the National Day Golden Week in 2013 as well as the days immediately before and after it.	August and September 2013)				
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of quotations	Provision of Service for Conducting Warehouse Inventory Monitoring in the Stress Test on Powdered Formula Supply Chain Improvements The key objective of the service is to conduct qualitative assessment of warehouse inventory management during the stress test on the improvement measures of the powdered formula supply chain.	0.515	Sept. 2013	Completed in December 2013	ditto	ditto
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for Conducting Surveys of the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at	0.245	Dec. 2013	Completed in February 2014	The results were submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the first and second surveys were published through a press release on 23 January 2014.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		the local retail level in the run up to the 2014 Lunar New Year.					
BMT Asia Pacific Limited	By invitation of proposals	Study on ways to improve the operating environment of public markets	1.997	Dec. 2013	Completed in January 2015	The Government is studying the recommendations in detail.	The outcome of the study was reported to the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets under the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 20 January 2015.
Cimigo Limited	By invitation of proposals	Service for Conducting Surveys on the Supply and Price Levels of Powdered Formula at the Local Retail Level The objective of the surveys is to enable the Government to have a continuous grasp of the supply and price levels of selected major brands of powdered formula at the local retail level from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015 before the Lunar New Year.	2.335 (Including \$1.825 million for basic service and \$0.510 million for optional service)	April 2014	In progress (Study extended to July 2015 as optional service under the consultancy)	The results of surveys up to February 2015 have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the surveys up to February 2015 were published through press releases and were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 10 June 2014 and 9 December 2014.
Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited	By invitation of quotations	Service for conducting periodic surveys to gauge local parents' experience in purchasing powdered formula and their attitude towards using pre-order channels	0.448	May 2014	Completed in March 2015	The results have been submitted to the Committee on Supply Chain of Powdered Formula to facilitate their deliberations on how to improve the powdered formula supply chain	The results of the first survey were reported to the LegCo Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene on 9 December 2014.

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For completed studies, have they been made public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
		in purchasing powdered formula, from the second quarter of 2014 till mid-February 2015 before the Lunar New Year					
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the effectiveness of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) trial scheme for stray dogs in reducing stray dog population within designated trial zones and the nuisance associated with stray dogs. The project includes an initial population estimation and basic ecology surveys of stray dogs in selected TNR trial zones, as well as data analysis and periodic reports on the change of number, distribution and ecology of stray dogs in the trial zones for a period of three years.	0.920	Nov. 2014	In progress	The study is still on-going.	The study is still on-going.

**Projects for which funds have been reserved for conducting consultancy study in
2015-16**

Name of consultant	Mode of award (open auction/tender/ others (please specify))	Title, content and objective of the project	Consultancy fee (\$million)	Start date	Progress of the study (under planning/in progress/completed)	Follow-up actions taken by the Government on the study report and their progress (if any)	For projects that are expected to be completed this year, is there any plan to make them public? If yes, through what channels? If no, why?
Ecosystems Ltd	By invitation of quotations	Study on the ecology, reproductive rates and population change of stray dogs in two different geographical areas (semi-closed area and open area) for comparison with the data collected for the TNR trial scheme for stray dogs.	0.600	Second Quarter of 2015	Under planning	The study is yet to commence.	The study is yet to commence.
To be selected	By invitation of proposals	Study on the Way Forward of Live Poultry Trade in Hong Kong	To be confirmed	Second Quarter of 2015	Under planning	The study is yet to commence	The study is yet to commence
To be selected	By invitation of proposals	Second Food Consumption Survey The objective of the survey is to obtain up-to-date food consumption information (e.g. the types and amounts of food consumed) among individuals in Hong Kong	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Under planning	The study is yet to commence.	The study is yet to commence.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)188****(Question Serial No. 4675)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In regard to the growing co-operation between Hong Kong and the Mainland in recent years, please provide relevant information on Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in which your bureau and the departments under your purview have been involved.

(a) For Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes, please provide information for 2013-14 and 2014-15 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 th Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Has public consultation on the cross-boundary project been conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

(b) Has provision been earmarked for Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes in this year (2015-16)? If yes, please provide information in respect of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary projects or programmes for 2015-16 as per following table:

Project / Programme	Details, objective and whether it is related to the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Co-operation (the Framework Agreement) or the National 13 th Five-year Plan	Expenditure involved	Mainland officials and department/ organisation involved	Has any agreement been signed and whether it has been made public? If not, what are the reasons?	Progress (% completed, commencement date, target completion date)	Have the details, objectives, amount involved or impact on the public, society, culture and ecology been released to the public? If so, through which channels and what were the manpower and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?	Will public consultation on the cross-boundary project be conducted in Hong Kong?	Details of the legislative amendments or policy changes involved in the project/ programme

(c) Apart from the projects or programmes listed above, are there any other modes of Hong Kong/Mainland cross-boundary cooperation? If so, in what modes are they taken forward? What were the manpower and expenditure involved over the past 3 years? How much financial and manpower resources have been earmarked in the 2015-16 Estimates?

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 173)

Reply:

The Chief Executive and the Governor of Guangdong Province signed the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Cooperation (the Framework Agreement) on 7 April 2010. The Framework Agreement covers a number of areas and defines the positioning of Hong Kong/Guangdong cooperation in several policy areas, including cooperation areas in food safety, enhancing inspection, quarantine and supervision at source, cross-boundary infrastructure facilities and custom supervision as well as ecology construction and environmental protection under the purview of Food and Health Bureau (FHB). The initiatives involved are –

(i) Food safety

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) works in collaboration with the Guangdong, Shenzhen and Zhuhai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureaux (CIQs) to take proactive actions to tackle issues on inspection and quarantine of food and agricultural products. A liaison officer system with the Mainland authorities on inspection and quarantine was established to enhance communication about food and agricultural products safety so that timely notification of related problems could be provided to the other side. Briefing sessions on the Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (the Regulation) (Cap. 132CM) were also conducted in Guangzhou in September 2013, Qingdao in December 2013, Shenzhen in February and May 2014 and Beijing in July 2014 to assist Mainland authorities and traders in understanding and complying with the new requirements of the Regulation.

(ii) Enhancing inspection, quarantine and supervision at source

FEHD has been maintaining close liaison with the relevant Mainland authorities to monitor the standard of registered importing farms in the Mainland. FEHD has been conducting inspections of registered Mainland food production farms and processing plants as well as registered farms supplying cultured marine fish, shellfish and other aquatic products to Hong Kong to ensure safety of food and agricultural products as well as cultured marine fish, shellfish and other aquatic products respectively. A collaborative study with Guangdong CIQ on application of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to enhance the traceability of imported live pigs for slaughter was completed in September 2014. In 2015, the study of the application of RFID technology will be extended to all live cattle from Guangdong Province in order to enhance the traceability in pre-slaughter level.

(iii) Cross-boundary infrastructure facilities and custom supervision

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has been enhancing the cooperation in the inspection and quarantine for the import and export of Hong Kong horses and to provide expert assistance in monitoring the inspection and quarantine work of the Equine Disease Free Zone in Guangzhou and the biosecurity highway passage. We have been liaising with the Government authorities on the Mainland to formulate quarantine, import and export requirements, including participating at various expert meetings, providing training and professional advice in

preparing the operational guidelines, health protocols and biosecurity requirements for horses.

(iv) Ecology construction and environmental protection

AFCD has been carrying out joint operation with the Marine Police and the Mainland fisheries authority to combat illegal fishing in Hong Kong and Mainland waters. AFCD has also been organising training courses for fishermen in collaboration with the Guangdong side to assist them to switch to sustainable operations. To facilitate technical communication between AFCD and Guangdong officials in relation to harmful algae monitoring, the List of Harmful Microalgae Species for harmful algae monitoring has been prepared. Besides, a fisheries resources assessment study is underway to assess the fisheries resources situation in Hong Kong waters. We will inform the fisheries industry and relevant stakeholders when the result of the study is available.

Generally, our work in these respects is absorbed into the regular duties of the Administration and we do not have a breakdown of the financial expenditure and manpower involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)189

(Question Serial No. 4676)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office, (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety, (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the details of duty visits made by the Secretary and the Under Secretary in each of the past 5 years. In respect of each visit, please list by date the (a) purpose and destination, (b) post titles of the local officials met, (c) number and post titles of the Hong Kong officials in the entourage, (d) duration, (e) total expenditures involved and the respective expenses on (i) transportation (list out both the expenses on air tickets and local transportation), (ii) accommodation, (iii) meals, (iv) receptions or entertainment and (v) gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 174)

Reply:

Details of the duty visits made by the Secretary for Food and Health and the Under Secretary for Food and Health in the past 5 years are as follows -

Period (No. of visits)	Purpose and Place of visit	Number of officers	Hotel expenses* (\$'000) (a)	Air tickets expenses (\$'000) (b)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000) (c)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)+(c)
2010-11 (15)	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou, Jilin, Panyu, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Zhongshan), Estonia, Germany, Israel, Malaysia, Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States.	1 to 5	64	311	58	433
2011-12 (13)	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Chengdu, Dongguan, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shenzhen and Xian), Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States.	1 to 5	132	608	84	824
2012-13 (13)	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Nanjing and Shenzhen), Macau, Malaysia, Vietnam, France, Switzerland and United Kingdom.	1 to 8	72	189	57	318

Period (No. of visits)	Purpose and Place of visit	Number of officers	Hotel expenses* (\$'000) (a)	Air tickets expenses (\$'000) (b)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000) (c)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)+(c)
2013-14 (12)	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Wuhan), Macau, Japan, Singapore, Germany, Switzerland and United Kingdom.	1 to 5	19	150	44	213
2014-15 (14)	To attend international conferences, meetings and official visits in the Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen), Macau, Taiwan, Philippines, Singapore Switzerland and United Kingdom.	1 to 6	14	201	69	284

* Excluding the expenses on hotel accommodation where the Secretary / Under Secretary received the normal rate of subsistence allowance, the amount of which has been included under the column of "Subsistence allowance and other expenses".

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy in the provision of official meals in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance, and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is unavoidable due to operational or protocol reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. We do not maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4677)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the details of the meetings, visits or exchanges held between the Department and the relevant Mainland authorities in the past 5 years, and list, by date, the following for each trip:

- (a) objective, venue;
- (b) titles of the Mainland officials met;
- (c) number and titles of the participating officers from Hong Kong;
- (d) duration of trip (days);
- (e) total expenditure incurred;
- (f) whether the trip was promulgated before departure; if not, what are the reasons for the confidentiality;
- (g) whether minutes of the meeting were filed; if not, what are the reasons;
- (h) whether agreement was reached; if so, what are the contents and implementation progress;
- (i) transport (please list flight tickets and local transport at destinations separately);
- (ii) accommodation;
- (iii) meals;
- (iv) banquets or entertainment; and
- (v) expenses on gifts.

Date	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

Asked by: Hon HO Sau-lan, Cyd (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

Details of meetings, visits or exchanges held between the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and the relevant Mainland authorities in the past 5 years and the expenditure involved are as follows -

Period (No. of visits)	Purpose and Place of visit*	Number of officers	Hotel expenses^ (\$'000) (a)	Air tickets expenses (\$'000) (b)	Subsistence allowance and other expenses (\$'000) (c)	Total expenditure (\$'000) (a)+(b)+(c)
2010-2011 (22)	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Guangzhou, Jilin, Panyu, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Zhongshan and Zhuhai.	1 to 5	33	123	95	251
2011-2012 (18)	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Chengdu, Dongguan, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Panyu, Qingyuan, Shenzhen and Xian.	1 to 4	58	151	98	307
2012-2013 (19)	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Shenzhen, Sichuan and Zhanjiang.	1 to 5	51	164	128	343
2013-2014 (25)	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Dalian, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Wuhan, Qingdao and Zhuhai.	1 to 6	29	217	135	381
2014-2015 (24)	To attend conferences, meetings and official visits in Beijing, Guangdong, Guangzhou, Harbin, Shenzhen and Zhuhai.	1 to 5	5	135	61	201

* The above duty visits lasted for 1 to 4 days per trip, joined by officers of different ranks and led by a senior officer or directorate officer.

^ Excluding the expenses on hotel accommodation where the officers received the normal rate of subsistence allowance, the amount of which has been included under the column of "Subsistence allowance and other expenses".

We conduct exchanges and discussions with the relevant Mainland authorities on issues of mutual concern from time to time as and when necessary. Generally speaking, the meetings are recorded as appropriate, having regard to the different circumstances and factors such as nature of the meeting and subject matter, consensus reached by both sides, development of the subject matter, etc. We will decide whether and how the trips and the agreements concluded should be made public in the light of the circumstances and needs.

As a general rule, all politically appointed officials and civil servants should observe the same principles in the provision of official meals. They are required to exercise prudent judgement and economy in order to avoid any public perception of extravagance and act in accordance with the relevant regulations and administrative guidelines. According to the existing guidelines, the expenditure limits on entertainment in the form of official meals should not exceed \$450 per person for lunch or \$600 per person for dinner, inclusive of all expenses incurred on food and beverages consumed on the occasion, service charges and tips.

In line with the Government's green policy, public officers should as far as possible refrain from bestowing gifts/souvenirs to others during the conduct of official activities. According to the existing guidelines, where bestowal of gifts/souvenirs is necessary or unavoidable due to operational, protocol or other reasons, the gift/souvenir items should not be lavish or extravagant and the number should be kept to a minimum. Also, the exchange of gifts/souvenirs should only be made from organisation to organisation. As we do not specifically maintain separate accounts for the expenses on the procurement of gifts and souvenirs, relevant breakdowns are not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)191

(Question Serial No. 3424)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the devising and implementation of a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugars in food so as to promote a healthy diet, please explain the relevant work details as well as the manpower and estimated expenditures involved.

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

The Government announced in Policy Agenda 2015 to devise and implement a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugar in food to promote a healthy diet. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization.

In this connection, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Committee). Members of the Committee comprise representatives from different sectors, including healthcare professional organisations, the food trade, the relevant academia, the media, consumers and the education sector. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Secretary for Food and Health on the formulation of policy directions and work plans to reduce the intake of salt and sugar by the public, as well as to reduce salt and sugar in food. The first Committee meeting was held on 27 March 2015. At the same time, the Government will continue to draw reference from the advice on international experiences rendered by the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Panel) (formerly known as International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Dietary Sodium and Sugars in Hong Kong) which comprises five renowned public health experts from the Mainland and overseas.

The Government will devise the strategy to reduce salt and sugar in food taking into account the recommendations and views of the Committee and the Panel.

The additional work will be absorbed from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)192

(Question Serial No. 3425)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the continuation of implementing a multi-pronged strategy to prevent avian influenza outbreak, what are the concrete plan and timetable for the relevant work in 2015-16? What are the estimated manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 64)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to reduce the risk of avian influenza (AI) outbreaks in Hong Kong, taking into account the prevailing AI risk in Hong Kong and the South China region. The Food and Health Bureau is responsible for formulating and overseeing the overall strategy, whereas the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) are responsible for the implementation of the preventive and control measures.

The programme administered by AFCD includes (a) close surveillance of poultry in local farms and wholesale poultry market, pet birds, wild birds and the environment to enable early detection of AI viruses and prevention of AI outbreaks; (b) conducting regular inspections to local farms to ensure compliance with the biosecurity, farm hygiene and other related requirements, including proper vaccination of chickens against AI, and taking enforcement actions against non-compliant cases; (c) carrying out enforcement operations to combat illegal keeping of backyard poultry; (d) keeping the local, regional and global AI situation under monitoring, thereby providing an informed basis for the Government to regularly review the AI risk in Hong Kong and ensure that the AI prevention and control measures remain effective and appropriate in present-day circumstances; and (e) organising various education and publicity activities related to AI such as education seminars on farm management and disease prevention for local farmers and their workers. The estimated

expenditure in 2015-16 for the monitoring, prevention and control of AI as well as related publicity work managed by AFCD is \$49.1 million. A total of 46 staff in AFCD are involved in this area of work.

In parallel, FEHD will continue with its surveillance and inspection programme. The work includes (a) conducting surveillance and inspection of imported live poultry at Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station; and (b) inspecting registered farms that export poultry to Hong Kong (including those in the Mainland and other places). In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for import inspection is \$8.8 million and that for inspection of poultry farms is \$6.1 million. A total of 49 staff in FEHD are involved in this area of work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)193

(Question Serial No. 5670)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in the work of the Government to “devise measures to sustain and upgrade the development of local agriculture” after “taking into account the views received from the public consultation exercise surrounding the new policy on agricultural development.”

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 545)

Reply:

The above public consultation runs from 29 December 2014 to 31 March 2015. Upon completion of the consultation exercise, the Government will further develop the proposals and related implementation plans, taking into account the feedback received. The manpower and expenditure involved in the deliberation will be absorbed by existing resources. However, at this stage, we are unable to estimate the manpower and expenditure involved in implementing the proposals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)194

(Question Serial No. 3960)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Environmental Hygiene

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to “follow through the legislative process of the Private Columbaria Bill with a view to enhancing the regulation of private columbaria”,

- (a) What were the numbers of public complaints received by the Administration on private columbaria in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2012, 2013 and 2014)? Please list by complaint type.
- (b) What were the number of inspections conducted, non-compliance cases detected and enforcement actions taken by the Administration on private columbaria in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2012, 2013 and 2014)?
- (c) What are the numbers of existing private columbaria, private columbaria which have joined the Notification Scheme and private columbaria expected to be granted exemption? Please list out the respective numbers.

Number of private columbaria	Number of private columbaria which have joined the Notification Scheme	Number of private columbaria expected to be granted exemption

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

(a) The information sought is given below –

Year	No. of public enquiries and complaints received *
2012	1 226
2013	735
2014	672

* The figures include enquiries and complaints received by the Development Bureau, Food and Health Bureau, Buildings Department (the figures for which are available for 2013 and 2014 only), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the figures for which exclude the number of enquiries received in respect of the Notification Scheme), Lands Department (the figures for which include complaints only), Planning Department and the 1823 call centre. There may be duplication in the total number of enquiries and complaints reported since an enquirer or complainant may submit his views to more than one bureau / department, and since a single enquiry or complaint may involve the work of, and hence needs to be referred to and handled by more than one bureau / department.

(b) The information sought is given below –

Year	No. of inspections / visits conducted #	No. of non-compliance cases detected	No. of enforcement actions taken @
2012	804	43	59
2013	617	47	35
2014	703	52	36

The figures include site inspections of both confirmed and suspected cases arising from complaints, referrals, patrol, visits (as appropriate) by Buildings Department (the figures for which are available for 2013 and 2014 only), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the figures for which exclude the surveys conducted in respect of the Notification Scheme), Lands Department and Planning Department.

@ The figures include the issuance of warning letters, orders, enforcement notices and the instigation of prosecution actions, etc.

(c) A total of 141 private columbaria have participated in the Notification Scheme, including 126 columbaria which were listed on the “Information of Private Columbaria” released by Development Bureau (the List) (based on the version published on 31 December 2014), as well as 15 columbaria not yet included on that List.

Under the Private Columbaria Bill (the Bill), pre-Bill columbaria are eligible for exemption only if they fulfil a host of stringent criteria as set out in clause 15 of the Bill. For instance, the pre-Bill columbarium must have commenced operation (by reference to the first time when ashes were interred or interment right was sold) before 1 January 1990, complied with land-related requirements and building-related

requirements, ceased the sale or letting out of new or unoccupied niches as from the Bill announcement time (i.e. 8:00 a.m. of 18 June 2014), etc. It is for the future Private Columbaria Licensing Board to decide whether a private columbarium is eligible for a particular specified instrument (including exemption), in the light of the facts and circumstances of the private columbarium concerned. There could also be cases where a private columbarium that is eligible to seek exemption status may choose to obtain a licence. The Administration is not in a position to estimate the number of private columbaria that might seek exemption status, let alone the number of private columbaria that might be granted such a status by the future Private Columbaria Licensing Board.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)195

(Question Serial No. 4357)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In paragraph 46 of the Budget Speech, it is mentioned that from this year onwards, free online Government information will be released in digital formats.

(1) Please provide in the table below details about the free online Government information released in digital formats by your bureau/department for download by the public:

						Format of information available for download (please choose)			
Bureau/ Department	Free information/ data released to the public	Description of the information	Period of the information	Is it currently listed in Data.One	Date of release and the updating frequency	JSON, XML, or CSV	XLS, DOC	TIF, JPG, PDF, PNG	RSS

(2) In 2015-16, what are the manpower and expenditure involved in releasing online Government information by your bureau/department?

(3) Did your bureau/department review all non-classified information that your bureau/department own or possess, draw up priorities for their release, and compile them into digital data formats to facilitate retrieval/inspection, research or application development, and the creation of more industries through innovative reuse of data? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

- (1) Implementation of the policy to release government information in digital formats has already commenced. The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer launched the revamped public sector information (PSI) portal “Data.Gov.HK” on 18 March 2015 with a view to putting in place a one-stop platform with greater capacity and flexibility. More than 3 000 datasets in 18 broad categories are available on the portal, covering policy areas such as food, city management, climate and weather, commerce and industry, development, education, employment and labour, environment, finance, health, housing, IT and broadcasting, law and security, leisure and culture, population, social welfare and transport, etc. These datasets are available in digital formats including CSV, JPG, JSON, HTML, RSS, XLS and XML. A great variety and number of PSI are being released to the public and therefore they cannot be listed individually.
- (2) Besides the above portal, the public may access information in various digital formats through the web pages of the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and its executive departments. Given the large variety and quantity of information involved, we are not able to tabulate them one by one in detail. The work of releasing PSI will be absorbed by the existing manpower and no additional resources or manpower will be required.
- (3) The Government will release all free online government information in digital formats from this year onwards, with a view to tapping the creativity and ingenuity of the community to develop innovative applications using PSI. This helps bring convenience to the public and open up new business opportunities.

Under the policy of releasing all free government online information in digital formats, FHB will progressively release the multifarious PSI in digital formats. As it takes time to organise the data involved and new types of data are created with the introduction of new services from time to time, there is no plan to draw up a concrete timetable and indicators at this stage. FHB will constantly review the progress in releasing PSI in digital formats and follow up as necessary.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)196****(Question Serial No. 4358)**

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In connection with the provision of public information and gathering of public opinions by means of the Internet, please advise of the particulars, in tabulated forms (see Annex 1), regarding the social media platforms set up and operated by your bureau/department/public bodies or their agents (such as out-sourced contractors or consultants) for the past year.

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
			(1)...	(1)...					
			(2)...	(2)...					
			(3)...	(3)...					

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The details of social media platforms set up and operated by the Food and Health Bureau (Food Branch) and departments/public bodies under its purview in the past year are at Annex.

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Annex

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
August 2010	Keeps on updating	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)	Hong Kong Wetland Park YouTube Channel	YouTube	To promote the Hong Kong Wetland Park	About 920 visits per month on average	No	1 Senior Field Officer; 1 Executive Officer II	Absorbed by existing resources
September 2010	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Hong Kong Wetland Park Facebook Page	Facebook	To promote the Hong Kong Wetland Park	About 6 550 "Likes"	Yes	1 Senior Field Officer; 1 Executive Officer II	Absorbed by existing resources
January 2012	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Hong Kong Wetland Park Official Sina Weibo	Sina Weibo	To promote the Hong Kong Wetland Park	About 5 000 subscribers	Yes	1 Senior Field Officer; 1 Executive Officer II	Absorbed by existing resources
January 2012	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Crop Production YouTube Channel	YouTube	To introduce local crop production techniques (33 updates)	70 subscribers / About 4 270 visits	No	1 Field Officer I; 1 Field Assistant	Absorbed by existing resources
March 2012	Keeps on updating	Fish Marketing Organization (FMO)	(1) HK FMO Facebook Page (2) FMO Seafood Ordering Facebook Page	Facebook	To update product information and provide platform for customers to place online orders [(1) 21 updates, (2) 18 updates]	About 240 "Likes" / 185 subscribers	Yes	1 Manager; 1 Officer	Absorbed by existing resources

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
October 2012	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Animal Management YouTube Channel	YouTube	To promote Responsible Pet Ownership	33 subscribers / About 12 960 pieces of views	No	1 Senior Field Officer; 1 Field Officer II; 1 Education Resources Officer	Absorbed by existing resources
December 2012	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Hong Kong Country Parks YouTube Channel	YouTube	To enhance departmental homepage and thematic websites to adopt accessibility standards and foster public's awareness about country parks and hiking safety (20 updates)	About 30 "Likes" / 80 subscribers / About 380 monthly visits on average	Yes	1 Senior Field Officer	Absorbed by existing resources
March 2013	Ceased updating	AFCD	AFCD Biodiversity Conservation Division YouTube Channel	YouTube	To introduce the work of the Biodiversity Conservation Division of AFCD to the public	About 3 200 visits	No	1 Forestry Officer	Absorbed by existing resources

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
March 2013	Keeps on updating	Vegetable Marketing Organization	iVeggie Facebook Page	Facebook	For promotion and to provide product information (36 updates)	About 130 “Likes”	No	1 Market Manager; 1 Publicity Executive	Absorbed by existing resources
October 2013	Keeps on updating	Centre for Food Safety/ Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)	Centre for Food Safety Facebook Page	Facebook	To provide food safety information for Internet users (238 updates)	1,595 “Likes”	Yes	2 Scientific Officers	Absorbed by existing resources
February 2014	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Marine Parks Ambassador Facebook Page	Facebook	To promote the Marine Parks Ambassador programme	About 190 “Likes”	Yes	1 Marine Parks Education Officer; 1 Fisheries Supervisor II	Absorbed by existing resources
February 2014	Keeps on updating	AFCD	HKBSAP (Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Hong Kong) YouTube Channel	YouTube	To promote Biodiversity of Hong Kong and the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan	74 subscribers / About 5 450 pieces of views	No	1 Conservation Officer	Absorbed by existing resources

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of "Likes"/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
March 2014	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Ting Kok + YouTube Channel	YouTube	To promote Ting Kok Coastal Conservation Plan (Ting Kok+) and provide visitors and the general public with information including access routes and coastal ecology	47 subscribers / About 650 pieces of views	No	1 Fisheries Officer; 1 Field Inspector	Absorbed by existing resources
April 2014	Keeps on updating	AFCD	"Seasons • Excursions" Country Parks Photography Competition Facebook Page	Facebook	To promote the photography competition and nature appreciation in country parks (191updates)	About 9 660 "Likes" / 984 subscribers / About 4 800 monthly visits on average	Yes	1 Forestry Officer; 1 Senior Field Officer	Absorbed by existing resources
May 2014	Keeps on updating	AFCD	Hong Kong Reef Check YouTube Channel	YouTube	To raise public awareness of the ecological importance of corals and the need for coral conservation and to provide updated information on local corals	36 subscribers / About 700 pieces of views	No	1 Fisheries Officer; 1 Field Inspector	Absorbed by existing resources

Commencement of operation (Month/ Year)	Status (keeps on updating / ceased updating) (as at 28 February 2015)	Government agencies (including policy bureaux/ departments/ public bodies/ government advisory bodies)	Name	Social media (Facebook/ Flickr/ Google+/ LinkedIn/ Sina Weibo/ Twitter/ YouTube)	Purpose of establishment and no. of updates (as at 28 February 2015)	No. of “Likes”/ subscribers/ average monthly visits (as at 28 February 2015)	Compilation of summary of comments and follow-up on a regular basis (Yes/ No)	Rank and No. of officers responsible for the operation (as at 28 February 2015)	Financial resources involved in the establishment and daily operation (as at 28 February 2015)
January 2015	Keeps on updating	Centre for Food Safety/ FEHD	Hong Kong’s Action on Salt and Sugar Reduction Facebook page	Facebook	To promote “less salt and sugars” eating habit (36 updates)	827 “Likes”	Yes	1 Publicity Manager	Absorbed by existing resources

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4834)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Branch's expenditure on the procurement of computer software and hardware, will the Government advise this Committee of the following issues:

- (a) Does the Government have any standard internal procurement guidelines which set out the criteria for the purchase or upgrade of computer software and hardware by departments? If so, what are the details? Do the guidelines require that departments should upgrade its computer software and hardware in a timely manner?
- (b) Microsoft, the computer software and hardware supplier, will terminate its support service for its operating platform Windows XP. Please provide, in light of this, the respective numbers of mainframe computers in the departments under the Branch's purview which are using (1) the operating platform of Microsoft Windows XP; (2) the operating platforms released by Microsoft before 2001; and (3) other operating platforms (please specify the version), as well as the respective percentages of the departments' total numbers of mainframe computers these 3 types of operating systems account for. Do the departments under the Branch's purview have any plan to upgrade these operating platform versions which are now obsolete?
- (c) What are the expenditure on and criteria for the procurement of tablet computers by the Branch? What are the model numbers and uses of the tablet computers? Is there any classified information saved on the tablet computers? If so, what are the details? Is there any information security software installed in the tablet computers used by the departments under the Branch's purview? What is the expenditure involved?
- (d) How many mainframe computers of departments under the Branch's purview are operating offline and what are the versions of their operating platforms? Are there any uniform standards for the use of information security or anti-virus software by departments under the Branch's purview? If so, what is the type of software used? If not, what are the respective types of software used?

Asked by: Hon MOK Charles Peter (Member Question No. 131)

Reply:

- (a) According to the prevailing Government guidelines, our Bureau is required each year to formulate information technology (IT) project portfolio for the next 3 years and to plan the IT-related projects to ensure that these IT projects can practically and effectively meet our business and operational needs. In planning IT replacement projects, we have to review and evaluate a wide range of potential risks and devise mitigation measures. From the technology perspective, the potential risks to be considered include product compatibility, maintenance support, replacement products for ensuring continuity as well as availability of market supply. We are also required to make purchases in the most cost-effective way through fair and open market competitions in compliance with the Government's procurement guidelines. We should also take into account the importance and priorities of the IT projects in handling the updating of computer hardware and software.
- (b) The operating platforms of all our computers have been upgraded from Microsoft Windows XP to Microsoft Windows 7. No computer is using the operating platforms released by Microsoft before 2001 or other obsolete versions.
- (c) In 2014-15, we have not made any purchases of tablet computer. Tablet computers will be procured as and when needed to meet operational needs. They are mainly used by our directorate officers during meetings and in discharging duties outside office environment. No confidential information is stored in these tablet computers. We have installed and taken security measures in the tablet computers as appropriate, such as enabling the password lock on mobile devices, wiping device data after a specified number of failed login attempts. The expenditure for installation of information security measures in the tablet computers is generally subsumed into the procurement and maintenance expenses. We do not have a breakdown of the expenditure involved.
- (d) We have six computers for off-line operation using Microsoft Windows 7 operating platform and Symantec Endpoint Protection as information security and anti-virus software.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)198

(Question Serial No. 3390)

Head: (139) Government Secretariat: Food and Health Bureau
(Food Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Safety

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) (Mrs Cherry TSE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is stated in Programme (2) that next year the Government will continue to implement a multi-pronged strategy to prevent avian influenza outbreak, including undertaking a study on the future of the live poultry trade. Could the Government provide information on the following:

1. Will the Government adopt a long-term approach to segregate local live chickens from those imported from the Mainland by providing two checkpoints and to set up permanent checkpoint(s) for local live chickens, so as to prevent culling all live chickens in Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market if those supplied locally or from the Mainland are found to be infected after tests? If yes, what are the details of the Government's plan? Are there any suitable sites for live poultry checkpoints? If yes, what are the locations and areas of the sites? If no, what are the reasons?
2. As Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market is very close to residential area, nearby residents have been seriously affected by nuisances such as noise, odour and foul water generated from the Market. Will the Government remove the Market? If yes, what are the details? Is there a timetable for the removal? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 12)

Reply:

1. Over the past decade or so, the Government and the local live poultry industry, as well as the Mainland inspection and quarantine authorities and the farms supplying Hong Kong, have collaboratively built up a resilient and stringent system for the surveillance and control of avian influenza (AI), for the purpose of reducing the AI risks in Hong Kong. All live poultry supplied to Hong Kong markets, whether locally reared or imported, are

subject to stringent inspection and quarantine procedures. Health certificates will be issued only if the testing results are satisfactory. Prior to leaving the farm, the poultry are put under quarantine for five days and are required to pass Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and serology tests for AI. In other words, before the imported live poultry are delivered to Hong Kong, they have passed the testing by relevant inspection and quarantine authorities and are granted health certificates with satisfactory testing results. When the live poultry arrive in Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will collect swab and blood samples from the live poultry at the Man Kam To Animal Inspection Station and pass the samples to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)'s Veterinary Laboratory for testing. The imported poultry are then sent to the wholesale market and held there. They would not be released to the retail outlets until after the testing results are known. The testing system is designed to provide an additional safeguard to reduce the risk of infected poultry entering our retail markets.

In the light of the detection of H7 AI virus in certain samples in a consignment of imported live chickens on 27 January 2014, there were suggestions that we should segregate the imported and local live poultry and hold the imported poultry at a suitable location until the AI testing results are available before releasing them to the wholesale market.

After assessing various proposals, the Government decided to set up a check-point for local live poultry at the Government farm in Ta Kwu Ling (TKL). The TKL Check-point was put to use for the first time in January 2015 following another AI incident involving imported live poultry on 30 December 2014. We would fine-tune the operation plan in the light of the past experience in case the TKL Check-point has to be put to use again.

The Government has been looking for an appropriate site for relocating the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market (CSWTWPM) but this has met with difficulties. It is impracticable to expect that we would be able to identify an additional site solely for the holding of imported live poultry. Indeed, the Government is commissioning a consultancy study on the future of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong.

2. AFCD has been maintaining a clean and hygienic environment in CSWTWPM. The stocking area is cleansed every hour and the market floor is disinfected twice every week. Regular and surprise checks are conducted on wholesalers and their workers to ensure compliance with the bio-security requirements, including cleansing and disinfection of poultry holding cages. Additional inspection or cleansing would be conducted where necessary. Faecal and environmental swabs are collected from the wholesale market on a regular basis for AI testing thereby ensuring that the venue remains free of AI virus. Facilities are also set up for the separate holding of leftover local chickens, imported chickens and minor poultry with a view to minimising cross-infection. AFCD will continue with these efforts with a view to minimizing the risk and reducing the nuisances that nearby residents may have to face.

The Government has been exploring the feasibility of relocating CSWTWPM. In identifying a suitable replacement site for live poultry wholesale activities, we have to

take into account a number of factors. If and when a potential replacement site has been identified, the relevant departments will also need to conduct detailed technical assessments. In designing and planning the new wholesale poultry market, consultation with relevant stakeholders will have to be conducted at different stages.

As mentioned above, the Government is commissioning a consultancy study on the future of the live poultry trade in Hong Kong. Subject to the outcome of the study and recommendation of the consultant, we will take a view on the feasibility of relocating CSWTWPM.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)199

(Question Serial No. 4872)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department is responsible for measures for stray animals management, including facilitating the implementation of the trap-neuter-return trial programme for stray dogs. Would the Government inform this Committee of the manpower and expenditure involved in the implementation of the trap-neuter-return trial programme for stray dogs, as well as its effectiveness, in the past year; whether the programme is expected to be carried out in other districts in the coming year, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved and the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 124)

Reply:

In 2012, the original proposal of implementing the "Trap-Neuter-Return" (TNR) trial programme for stray dogs in three potential sites in Yuen Long, Sai Kung and Lamma Island encountered objections from the respective District Councils and local communities. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in collaboration with the two animal welfare organisations (AWOs) concerned, have since identified three alternative potential sites, one in Yuen Long and two in Cheung Chau, and consulted the local community and the respective District Councils on the proposed trial programme. While there is no negative feedback on the Yuen Long trial site, objection has been received from the local community near one of the Cheung Chau trial sites. As a result, the AWO concerned has removed one of the trial sites in Cheung Chau to address the concerns of nearby residents.

The Dangerous Dogs Regulation (Exemption) (Amendment) Notice 2014 and the Rabies (TNR Programme) (Exemption) Notice 2014 have commenced operation in January 2015 to enable the two AWOs above to implement the TNR trial programme in Cheung Chau and Yuen Long. Whilst the implementation cost of the TNR trial programme will be borne by the two AWOs, AFCD has commissioned a consultant to conduct a baseline survey on the

number of dogs at the two trial sites, monitor the implementation of the trial programme, and assess the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and related nuisance in the trial sites.

The trial programme will run for three years. Before the effectiveness of the TNR approach in reducing the stray dog population and related nuisance in the two trial sites is fully evaluated, AFCD has no plan to extend the trial programme to other areas of Hong Kong.

The revised estimate for the TNR trial programme in 2014-15 is around \$1.2 million. Three staff in AFCD are involved. In 2015-16, \$1.5 million and two staff have been allocated for this area of work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)200

(Question Serial No. 3537)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

At present, how many hydroponic and organic farms are there in Hong Kong? What are the amounts of their annual production?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

At present, there are 518 organic farms in Hong Kong with an estimated annual production of around 2 560 tonnes of vegetables. There are also 19 hydroponic farms producing annually around 570 tonnes of vegetables.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)201

(Question Serial No. 3654)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Department please provide the information on the engagement of outsourced workers as follows:

	2015-16
Estimated number of outsourced service contracts	
Estimated operational expenditure for payment to outsourced service providers	
Estimated number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

The information sought is given below:

	2015-16
Estimated number of outsourced service contracts	54
Estimated operational expenditure for payment to outsourced service providers	\$90 million
Estimated number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers *	498

The above information covers all outsourced (including existing, new and renewed contracts) which will be in force in 2015-16. In a similar question raised last year

(FHB(FE)193), the figures quoted covered only the new and renewed contracts in 2014-15, hence the differences in the figures quoted.

* As most of the outsourced contracts do not specify the number of workers required, only those workers who are deployed to carry out cleansing and security services on a full-time basis are counted.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)202

(Question Serial No. 5437)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

At present, how many hectares of agricultural land are suitable for rehabilitation? Is there any limit on the area of land for which a person can apply for agricultural rehabilitation? What is the maximum area of land available for agricultural rehabilitation? How many people are there on the waiting list? What is the average waiting time?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 107)

Reply:

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) promotes the rehabilitation of abandoned agricultural land through the Agricultural Land Rehabilitation Scheme (the Scheme). AFCD identifies such farmland and brings the landowners and interested farmers together to work out rental agreements among themselves for leasing out the land. At present, about 2.8 hectares of agricultural land is available for leasing to interested parties for farming. There is no restriction on the size of the agricultural land that a person may apply for under the Scheme. As at the end of 2014, 278 people were on the waiting list. The average waiting time for successful cases under the Scheme in 2014 was 5 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)203

(Question Serial No. 6254)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please inform how the Department conducts inspections on accredited farms in the Mainland? How many times does the Department visit the farms in the Mainland (in particular the accredited farms in Ningxia) in a year? What are the resources involved?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 602)

Reply:

The Accredited Farm Scheme (the Scheme) operating in the Mainland is jointly managed by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) and the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies (FVMCS). With technical support from AFCD, staff of FVMCS and VMO conduct weekly and bimonthly monitoring visits respectively to the accredited farms in the Mainland, including those in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Vegetable samples are collected regularly for testing of pesticide residues to ensure the proper use of pesticides. Water and soil samples are also collected to assess the suitability of the farms for vegetable production.

The Scheme is funded by VMO and the estimated expenditure involved in 2014-15 is \$1.9 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)204

(Question Serial No. 6265)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the return of vegetables (that is, the delivery of unsold vegetables to the farmers by the Vegetable Marketing Organization) to local vegetable farms, what were the total numbers, total amount and total weight respectively in each year over the past five years?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 614)

Reply:

The Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) would only return unsold vegetables of very poor quality to the supplying farmers. The quantity of vegetables returned and the percentage share over the total throughput of local vegetables at VMO over the past three years are tabulated below. We do not have such information for 2010 and 2011.

Calendar Year	Quantity of Vegetables Returned (Tonnes)	Percentage Share over Total Throughput of Local Vegetables at VMO (%)
2012	18.4	0.59%
2013	9.8	0.37%
2014	13.5	0.55%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)205

(Question Serial No. 6266)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the volumes of vegetable, fruit, eggs and marine produce imported into Hong Kong as well as a list of the countries from which these produce were imported with a breakdown of import volumes by country, over the past five years. (Head 22 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department)

Year	Vegetable	Fruit	Eggs	Marine produce
2010				
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 615)

Reply:

The volumes of fresh vegetables, fruit, eggs and marine produce imported into Hong Kong and their respective breakdown by places from which these produce were imported over the past five years are tabulated below:

Vegetables									
2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)
Mainland	588 516	Mainland	653 733	Mainland	774 366	Mainland	754 301	Mainland	750 434
USA	21 697	USA	20 965	USA	16 286	USA	15 304	USA	17 731
Taiwan	8 033	Taiwan	10 384	Taiwan	7 124	Australia	9 081	Taiwan	9 070
Australia	5 881	Australia	5 207	Australia	7 000	Taiwan	7 127	Australia	8 855
New Zealand	2 502	New Zealand	2 098	New Zealand	2 095	New Zealand	3 685	New Zealand	3 682
Others	19 424	Others	20 175	Others	17 044	Others	24 675	Others	18 133
Total	646 053	Total	712 562	Total	823 915	Total	814 173	Total	807 905

Fruit									
2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)
Thailand	483 543	Thailand	542 533	Thailand	592 066	Thailand	589 090	Thailand	567 154
USA	249 742	USA	260 827	USA	224 436	USA	224 521	USA	230 131
Mainland	125 234	Mainland	149 072	Mainland	192 138	Mainland	184 113	Mainland	188 463
Philippines	87 972	Chile	123 866	Chile	138 644	Chile	137 529	Chile	129 846
Chile	86 853	Philippines	111 306	Philippines	96 783	Philippines	86 944	South Africa	114 111
Others	251 983	Others	319 819	Others	346 943	Others	302 036	Others	381 504
Total	1 285 327	Total	1 507 423	Total	1 591 010	Total	1 524 233	Total	1 611 209

Eggs									
2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)
Mainland	58 337	Mainland	57 213	Mainland	59 051	Mainland	51 147	Mainland	60 813
USA	17 102	USA	21 133	USA	26 098	USA	29 112	USA	26 427
Thailand	6 175	Thailand	3 744	Thailand	7 141	Thailand	12 633	Thailand	11 863
Malaysia	2 314	Malaysia	5 774	Malaysia	8 165	Malaysia	9 289	Malaysia	7 656
Japan	996	Japan	369	Japan	539	Japan	849	Ukraine	2 282
Others	3 050	Others	6 990	Others	1 644	Others	2 730	Others	5 067
Total	87 974	Total	95 223	Total	102 638	Total	105 760	Total	114 108

Marine produce*									
2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)	Source Place	Volume (tonnes)
Mainland	53 589	Mainland	63 310	Mainland	87 373	Mainland	108 897	Mainland	106 619
Norway	16 962	Norway	16 258	Norway	17 500	Norway	18 051	Norway	20 238
Indonesia	14 318	USA	15 948	USA	11 722	USA	11 265	USA	10 196
Canada	11 808	Indonesia	11 386	Indonesia	9 763	Canada	8 939	Vietnam	8 261
USA	11 624	Canada	10 162	Thailand	9 734	Japan	7 898	Japan	7 947
Others	96 652	Others	90 007	Others	73 543	Others	73 146	Others	75 888
Total	204 953	Total	207 071	Total	209 635	Total	228 196	Total	229 149

*Including live, chilled and frozen

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)206

(Question Serial No. 6272)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead(No. & title): (109) Training expenses

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Government advise on the total expenditure allocated for training on farming techniques, as well as the main uses of the expenditure, over the past five years?

Year	Total expenditure	Main uses of the expenditure
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013		
2014		

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 621)

Reply:

The expenditure involved in providing technical training on farming techniques over the past five years is tabulated below:

Financial Year	Total Expenditure (\$ million)	Major uses of the expenditure
2010-11	9.0	Provision of training staff, facilities and materials for conducting seminars, workshops, demonstrations and farm visits.
2011-12	9.4	
2012-13	9.6	
2013-14	9.8	
2014-15 (revised estimate)	9.9	

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)207

(Question Serial No. 5318)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please set out the expenditure of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on promoting organic cultivation and intensive greenhouse production over the past five years, as well as the Department's estimated expenditure on the same aspects in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 147)

Reply:

The expenditure incurred in promoting organic cultivation and intensive greenhouse production over the past five years is tabulated below:

	Organic Cultivation (\$ million)	Intensive Greenhouse Production (\$ million)
2010-11	6.8	4.1
2011-12	7.1	4.4
2012-13	6.7	4.9
2013-14	6.3	4.9
2014-15 (revised estimate)	5.9	5.3

The provision earmarked for this area of work in 2015-16 is similar to that for 2014-15.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)208

(Question Serial No. 5319)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What are the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's estimated expenditure on and the details of implementing the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 148)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department has earmarked \$0.8 million for implementing the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (the Convention). The work involved mainly includes the preparation of a new piece of legislation for implementing the conservation measures under the Convention in Hong Kong, conducting market surveys on toothfish and organising related education and publicity activities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)209

(Question Serial No. 5321)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What were the types and volumes of imported toothfish in Hong Kong over the past five years? What will be the specific impact of implementing the Catch Documentation Scheme on the import of toothfish into Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

Two species of toothfish, namely *Dissostichus mawsoni* (Antartic toothfish) and *Dissostichus eleginoides* (Patagonian toothfish), are imported into Hong Kong. The volume of toothfish imports over the past five years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Volume* (tonnes)
2010	435.3
2011	455.6
2012	567.0
2013	695.3
2014	1 093.3

* Based on statistics compiled by the Census and Statistics Department using information lodged with the Customs and Excise Department in import and export declarations

Toothfish constitutes a small proportion of the fish produce traded in Hong Kong and accounts for less than 0.5% of the total consumption of fish produce. The additional costs to be incurred by the trade in meeting the requirements under the proposed Catch Documentation Scheme are expected to be minimal. In preparing the proposed legislation, we will take into account the views of the relevant stakeholders including seafood traders, importers, and environmental concern groups.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)210

(Question Serial No. 5327)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the expenditure of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on the management of stray animals and the promotion of animal welfare over the past five years, as well as the Department's estimated expenditure on the same aspects in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 165)

Reply:

The expenditure on stray animal management and promotion of animal welfare over the past five years is as follows:

Financial Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (revised estimate)
Expenditure (\$ million)	25.0	30.6	34.3	35.6	39.6

In 2015-16, \$39.6 million has been earmarked for this area of work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)211

(Question Serial No. 5374)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Question:

- (a) The 2014-15 revised estimate is lower than the original estimate by 41.4%. What are the reasons for that? What has resulted in a reduction in the estimate? Does it involve cuts in services and manpower? What are the details?
- (b) The budget in 2015-16 is higher than the 2014-15 revised estimate by 5.5%. What are the reasons for that? Does it involve additional manpower and services? If yes, what is the ratio of additional manpower and services?
- (c) According to the Government, the 2014-15 revised estimate has been significantly reduced by 41.4%. One of the reasons includes the one-off assistance package to fishermen affected by the trawl ban. What are the details? What are the details of the manpower and expenditure involved? Apart from the trawl ban, what are the details of the reduction in other aspects?
- (d) After the implementation of the trawl ban, does the Government deploy staff to conduct regular sea patrol? What are the details of the manpower arrangement involved? In addition, has the Government received any help-seeking and complaint cases? What are the numbers of help-seeking and prosecution cases and the details?
- (e) The Government provides infrastructural support, technical assistance and advice, credit facilities and vocational training to local farmers and fishermen. What are the details of manpower and expenditure in respect of the said aspects?
- (f) What are the details and objectives of the Government for the planning and implementation of effective management initiatives and services? What are the details of manpower and expenditure involved?
- (g) What are the details of the programmes and research subsidised by the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund? What are the details of the cost, manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 194)

Reply:

(a) & (c) Under Programme (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets, the revised estimate in 2014-15 is lower than the original estimate in 2014-15 by 41.4%. This is mainly due to two factors:

- (i) the cash flow requirement in respect of the applications received for the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund (SFDF) in 2014-15 was less than originally estimated; and
- (ii) the reserved amount of the approved ex-gratia allowance for apportionment to successful claimants in appeal cases to be determined by the Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (FCAB) was included in the approved estimate in 2014-15. As the appeal proceedings by FCAB are still in progress, the reserved amount of ex-gratia allowance, therefore, has yet to be apportioned.

In 2014-15, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has allocated \$48 million and 17 staff for administering the one-off assistance package to fishermen affected by the trawl ban.

(b) The estimate for 2015-16 is higher than the revised estimate in 2014-15 by 5.5% mainly due to the anticipated increase in the cash flow requirement for funds to be issued under the SFDF, partly offset by the decrease in cash flow requirement for the one-off assistance package to fishermen affected by the trawl ban after taking into account the progress of the appeal proceedings being handled by FCAB.

(d) In 2014-15, AFCD has deployed 18 staff to conduct regular patrols in Hong Kong waters for enforcing implementation of the trawl ban. There were a total of 81 complaints and requests for assistance, and 10 cases of prosecution related to illegal trawling in 2014.

(e) & (f) AFCD has been pursuing various programmes and activities to provide technical and financial support as well as effective management for sustainable development of the local farming industry. These include (i) efforts to encourage the development of organic farming through provision of technical assistance to local farmers under the Organic Farming Support Service Scheme, joint efforts with the Vegetable Marketing Organization and the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Cooperative Societies in promoting the production and marketing of local organic produce, and supporting the Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre in its endeavours to educate the public on organic farming and promote the certification of organic products; (ii) assisting farmers to develop new farming techniques such as intensive greenhouse production and controlled environment agriculture and hydroponic technology; (iii) introduction of new and improved crop varieties for local cultivation; (iv) development of brand names for

local produce through the Accredited Farm Scheme; (v) assisting the industry to set up weekend farmers' markets and organising large-scale carnivals, such as the annual FarmFest, to help showcase local agricultural and fishery products to the public; and (vi) administering three loan funds to provide loans to farmers for farm development and operation.

On the fisheries side, AFCD has been promoting the sustainable development of the industry through provision of training, technical and financial support as well as implementation of effective management measures. These include (i) implementing a suite of fisheries management and enhancement measures to help conserve and restore depleted marine resources; (ii) assisting fishermen to switch to sustainable fisheries operations and helping fish farmers to develop sustainable aquaculture through offering free training on sustainable fisheries and fisheries-related operations, implementing a pilot fish hatchery scheme, and providing loans to fishermen and fish farmers; (iii) promoting good aquaculture practices and fish health management and monitoring of aquaculture environment; and (iv) setting up the SFDF for funding projects and research that are conducive to the sustainable development of the fisheries industry.

The manpower and expenditure involved in providing infrastructural support, technical assistance and advice, credit facilities and vocational training to local farmers and fishermen in 2014-15 are as follows:

Financial Year	Manpower (Number of Staff)		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Agriculture Industry	Fisheries Industry	Agriculture Industry	Fisheries Industry
2014-15 (revised estimate)	74	96	33.3	100.7*

* Including the estimated expenditure of \$38.2 million for the one-off assistance package for fishermen affected by the trawl ban

- (g) The SFDF is open to applications since July 2014. Up to end February 2015, a total of 15 applications have been received. Two of them are related to the development of recreational fisheries tourism. The SFDF Advisory Committee has been set up to tender advice to the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation on the overall strategy for funding projects and the relative priorities of applications for funding support under the SFDF. The Advisory Committee is processing applications received with a view to approving the first batch of applications within the first half of 2015. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 for the administration of the SFDF is \$1.2 million. A total of three staff is involved in this task.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)212

(Question Serial No. 3624)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets
(3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide figures on the expenditure for the management of accredited farms over the past three years and the estimated expenditure in the financial year 2015-16.
- (b) Please set out the number and size (in hectares) of accredited farms over the past three years by region: locally in Hong Kong and in the Mainland (by provinces).
- (c) Please explain how the “composite productivity index” is computed (Page 39).
- (d) Please provide figures on the expenditure of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) over the past three years and the estimated expenditure in the financial year 2015-16.
- (e) Please provide the numbers of stalls provided to various vegetable marketing co-operative societies by the VMO at the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Vegetable Market over the past three years and the rental incomes involved.
- (f) Please provide figures on the manpower and expenditure for “regulating credit unions and co-operative societies” over the past three years and the estimated manpower and expenditure in the financial year 2015-16.
- (g) Please provide the locations of the 205 “weirs to be cleansed”.
- (h) Please provide a list of the 31 livestock farms licences estimated to be issued in 2015. Please also explain why the number of licences to be issued has increased significantly from 22 in 2014.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 550)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditure involved in monitoring local and Mainland farms accredited under the Accredited Farm Scheme over the past three years and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)	
	Local	Mainland*
2012-13	2.4	1.4
2013-14	2.3	1.5
2014-15 (revised estimate)	2.6	1.9
2015-16 (estimate)	2.6	2.0

* Funded by the Vegetable Marketing Organization.

- (b) The total number and area of accredited farms over the past three years are tabulated below:

Calendar Year	Local		Mainland			
			Guangdong		Ningxia	
	Number of farms	Area (hectares)	Number of farms	Area (hectares)	Number of farms	Area (hectares)
2012	263	82	26	1 322	10	1 356
2013	261	81	26	1 322	10	1 356
2014	267	83	25	1 153	13	1 776

- (c) Agriculture Composite Productivity Index (ACPI) is the ratio of the index of agricultural production (covering local livestock and crop production but excluding non-food production like floriculture) at constant price to the index of farming population. It yields a productivity measure that indicates the efficiency of local agricultural production. The method of calculation is shown below:

$$\text{ACPI} = \frac{\text{Index of agricultural production at constant price (1985=100)} \times 100}{\text{Index of farming population (1985=100)}}$$

Where:

$$\text{Index of agricultural production at constant price} = \frac{\text{Annual value of agricultural production at 1985 price level} \times 100}{\text{Annual value of agricultural production in 1985}}$$

$$\text{Index of farming population} = \frac{\text{Number of farmers in the current year} \times 100}{\text{Number of farmers in 1985}}$$

- (d) The total expenditure of the Vegetable Marketing Organization (VMO) over the past three years and the estimated expenditure in 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2012-13	57.9
2013-14	52.6
2014-15 (revised estimate)	59.8
2015-16 (estimate)	70.1

- (e) The VMO charges commission on the value of sales at its wholesale market rather than rental. Currently, a total of 27 Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies are operating in the VMO market. The amount of commission income received by VMO over the past 3 years is given below:

Financial Year	Commission Income (\$ million)
2012-13	28.2
2013-14	30.3
2014-15 (revised estimate)	27.4

- (f) The expenditure and manpower involved in the supervision of co-operative societies (including agriculture, fisheries, buildings, consumers and workers co-operatives) and credit unions over the past three years and in 2015-16 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Co-operative Societies		Credit Unions	
	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Staff	Expenditure (\$ million)	Number of Staff
2012-13	6.5	15	4.1	10
2013-14	6.6	15	4.6	10
2014-15 (revised estimate)	7.3	15	5.3	10
2015-16 (estimate)	7.3	15	5.3	10

- (g) The 205 weirs planned to be cleansed in 2015 are located at Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Lam Tsuen, Fanling, Sheung Shui, Ta Kwu Ling, Yuen Long, Tuen Mun and Mui Wo.
- (h) At present, there are a total of 72 licensed livestock farms, including 43 pig farms and 29 chicken farms. Each farm is holding a livestock keeping licence which is valid for a period of three years. The expiry dates of these licences vary and hence the number of licences to be renewed each year is different. In 2015, 31 licences (covering 23 pig farms and eight chicken farms) will expire and are due for renewal.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)213

(Question Serial No. 5657)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Animal, Plant and Fisheries Regulation and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number of cats and dogs euthanised by the Government over the past five years. How much public fund in total was involved each year?

	Number of dogs euthanised by the Government	Number of cats euthanised by the Government	Amount of public fund
2014-15			
2013-14			
2012-13			
2011-12			
2010-11			

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 337)

Reply:

The number of cats and dogs euthanised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department over the past five years is as follows:

Calendar Year	Animals Euthanised	
	Dogs	Cats
2010	7 420	3 047
2011	6 561	2 422
2012	5 675	1 950
2013	5 353	1 861
2014	3 868	1 039

The expenditure involved in the euthanasia of animals over the past five years is as follows:

Financial Year	Expenditure * (\$ million)
2010-11	1.3
2011-12	1.3
2012-13	1.5
2013-14	1.6
2014-15 (revised estimate)	1.4

* The expenditure covers costs for euthanising animals including dogs, cats, small mammals, pigs/cattle, poultry/birds, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)214

(Question Serial No. 3391)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the employment of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”, please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	()
Breakdown of posts taken up by NCSC staff	
Salary expenditure for NCSC staff	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• above 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• less than 1 year	()
Number of staff converted to civil servants	()
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of payment for NCSC staff in the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()

Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of staff with paid meal break	()
Number of staff without paid meal break	()
Number of staff on five-day week	()
Number of staff on six-day week	()

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 36)

Reply:

The information sought is given below:

	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Number of NCSC staff	260 (+1.6%)
Breakdown of posts taken up by NCSC staff	In this department, NCSC positions may broadly be categorised into four groups according to their job nature, namely professional support [19 staff], technical support [163 staff], administrative support [35 staff] and other services [43 staff].
Salary expenditure for NCSC staff	\$53,047,887 (-2.4%)
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	36 (0%)
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	14 (-22.2%)
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	210 (+4%)
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	-
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	-
• below \$6,240	-
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• above 15 years	-
• 10 to 15 years	33 (+230%)
• 5 to 10 years	11 (-75.6%)
• 3 to 5 years	32 (+300%)
• 1 to 3 years	88 (-26.1%)
• less than 1 year	96 (+29.7%)
Number of staff converted to civil servants	31 (-11.4%) [Note 1]
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	12.7% (+0.3 percentage points)

	2014-15 (as at 31 December 2014)
Percentage of payment for NCSC staff in the total staff costs of the Department	7.6% (-0.6 percentage points)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	32 (-38.5%)
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	\$1,635,000 (-47.4%)
Number of NCSC staff with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	32 (-38.5%) [Note 2]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	\$883,055 (-62.6%) [Note 2]
Number of staff with paid meal break Number of staff without paid meal break	[Note 3]
Number of staff on five-day week Number of staff on six-day week	260 (+1.6%) -

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

Note 1: The statistics reflect NCSC staff in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) who have successfully applied for civil service posts of AFCD through open recruitment.

Note 2: There is no case of "contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF".

Note 3: NCSC staff in AFCD are remunerated on a monthly-rated package which includes pay, meal breaks, annual leave, etc. as set out in the terms of employment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)215

(Question Serial No. 3392)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the employment of “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (latest position)
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()
Number of agency workers	()
Breakdown of posts taken up by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 or above	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> below \$6,240	()
Length of service of agency workers	
• <input type="checkbox"/> above 15 years	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 15 years	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 years	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 years	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 years	()
• <input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year	()
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of payment for employment agencies in the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()

Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 37)

Reply:

The information sought is given below:

	2014-15 (as at 31 January 2015)
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	4 (+33%)
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	\$0.31 to 1.15 million (+130% on average)
Length of contract for each employment agency	5 to 9 months
Number of agency workers	19 (+111%)
Breakdown of posts taken up by agency workers	The workers mainly provide general and clerical support services.
Monthly salary range of agency workers <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001 or above <input type="checkbox"/> \$16,001 to \$30,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$8,001 to \$16,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,501 to \$8,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,240 to \$6,500 <input type="checkbox"/> below \$6,240	[Note 1]
Length of service of agency workers <input type="checkbox"/> above 15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 years <input type="checkbox"/> less than 1 year	[Note 2]
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department	0.9% (+0.5 percentage points)
Percentage of payment for employment agencies in the total staff costs of the Department	0.4% (+0.2 percentage points)

	2014-15 (as at 31 January 2015)
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	[Note 3]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of workers with paid meal break	
Number of workers without paid meal break	
Number of workers on five-day week Number of workers on six-day week	

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

Note 1: With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011, contractors are required to pay their employees at not less than the SMW rate plus one paid rest day for every period of seven days or the average monthly wages for the relevant industry/occupation as published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics for December 2010, whichever is higher. The exact wages of workers vary, depending on the numbers of working days and working hours of the workers specified in the employment contracts between the agencies and their workers.

Note 2: Under the government service contract, agencies may arrange any of their employees who meet the basic requirements specified in the contract to perform the required service. They may also arrange replacement workers during the contract period. Hence, the relevant information is not available.

Note 3: Relevant information is not specified in the government service contract and hence not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)216****(Question Serial No. 3393)**Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Regarding the employment of "outsourced workers", please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()
Breakdown of posts taken up by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 to \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 to \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 to \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 to \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• above 15 years	()
• 10 to 15 years	()
• 5 to 10 years	()
• 3 to 5 years	()
• 1 to 3 years	()
• less than 1 year	()
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	()

Percentage of payment for outsourced service providers in the total staff costs of the Department	()
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/ contract gratuity	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	()
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

The information sought is given below:

	2014-15 (as at 31 January 2015)
Number of outsourced service contracts	46 (-31.3%) #
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$69.6 million (+9.1%) #
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	5 to 60 months
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	469 (-13.1%) #
Breakdown of posts taken up by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing and information technology)	The workers are mainly deployed to carry out cleansing or security services.
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 to \$30,000 • \$8,001 to \$16,000 • \$6,501 to \$8,000 • \$6,240 to \$6,500 • below \$6,240 	[Note 1]
Length of service of outsourced workers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • above 15 years • 10 to 15 years • 5 to 10 years • 3 to 5 years • 1 to 3 years • less than 1 year 	[Note 2]

	2014-15 (as at 31 January 2015)
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	22.8% # (-3.3 percentage points)
Percentage of payment for outsourced service providers in the total staff costs of the Department	9.9% # (+0.3 percentage points)
Number of workers who received severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity	[Note 3]
Amount of severance payment/long service payment/contract gratuity paid	
Number of workers with severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Amount of severance payment/long service payment offset by or contract gratuity calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to employer's contributions to MPF	
Number of workers with paid meal break	
Number of workers without paid meal break	
Number of workers on five-day week	
Number of workers on six-day week	

Figures in () denote percentage changes compared with the same period in 2013-14

The figures cover all outsourced service contracts (including existing, new and renewed contracts) which are still being in force in 2014-15. In a similar question raised last year (FHB(FE)214), the figures quoted covered only the new and renewed contracts in 2013-14, hence the differences in the percentage points quoted.

Note 1: With the implementation of statutory minimum wage (SMW) on 1 May 2011, contractors are required to pay their employees at not less than the SMW rate plus one paid rest day for every period of seven days or the average monthly wages for the relevant industry/occupation as published in the Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics for December 2010, whichever is higher. The exact wages of workers vary, depending on the numbers of working days and working hours of the workers specified in the employment contracts between the outsourced service providers and their workers.

Note 2: Under the government service contract, contractors may arrange any of their employees who meet the basic requirements specified in the contract to perform the required service. They may also arrange replacement workers during the contract period. Hence, the relevant information is not available.

Note 3: Relevant information is not specified in the government service contract and hence not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)217

(Question Serial No. 3790)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Agriculture, Fisheries and Fresh Food Wholesale Markets

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding matters on the new policy on agricultural development as mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention, please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in preparing the public consultation document; and
- (b) the details of the work concerned in 2015-16 and the estimated time of completion of the final report, as well as the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in carrying out the work.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

- (a) The manpower required to prepare the consultation document is absorbed by existing resources in the Food and Health Bureau and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. About \$0.19 million has been spent on printing the consultation document.
- (b) The above public consultation runs from 29 December 2014 to 31 March 2015. Upon completion of the consultation exercise, the Government will further develop the proposals and related implementation plans, taking into account the feedback received. The manpower and expenditure involved in the deliberation will be absorbed by existing resources. However, at this stage, we are unable to estimate the manpower and expenditure involved in implementing the proposals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)218

(Question Serial No. 3800)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent

Programme: (-) Not specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Non-recurrent expenditure under Subhead 700, please inform this Committee of the reasons for the significant discrepancy between the approved and revised estimates for 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The revised estimate in 2014-15 of the General non-recurrent expenditure under Subhead 700 is lower than the approved estimate in 2014-15 by 78.9% mainly due to two factors:

- (i) the cash flow requirement in respect of the applications received for the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund in 2014-15 was less than originally estimated; and
- (ii) the reserved amount of the approved ex-gratia allowance for apportionment to successful claimants in appeal cases to be determined by the Fishermen Claims Appeal Board (FCAB) was included in the approved estimate in 2014-15. As the appeal proceedings by FCAB are still in progress, the reserved amount of ex-gratia allowance, therefore, has yet to be apportioned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)219

(Question Serial No. 3801)

Head: (22) Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (Alan WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding this Subhead, please inform this Committee of the reason for an increase from \$20,712,000 to \$25,197,000 in Civil Service Provident Fund contribution under personnel related expenses in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

The increase is required to provide for the appointment of 68 officers on the new permanent terms who will pass the probation bar and join the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme in 2015-16.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)220

(Question Serial No. 3862)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the number of public cleanliness offences committed by non-resident visitors in Hong Kong in the past three years, including verbal warnings given and fixed penalty notices issued, as well as the amount of outstanding fines.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 208)

Reply:

Officers of seven government departments, namely the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Housing Department, Environmental Protection Department, Marine Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, are authorised under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance (Cap. 570) (the Ordinance) to issue fixed penalty notices (the Notices). When cleanliness offences under the Ordinance are witnessed, the authorised officers of the enforcement departments will issue the Notices to the offenders without giving verbal warnings. The information sought is provided as follows –

	2012	2013	2014
No. of the Notices issued to non-resident visitors	3 051	2 836	2 812
No. of the Notices issued to non-resident visitors with outstanding payment of fines	52	51	701

Note

The large number of cases of outstanding payment of fines in 2014 reflects the payment status in early 2015. The enforcement departments will follow the established procedures to recover the outstanding payment from the offenders.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)221

(Question Serial No. 4907)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

It is mentioned in the Policy Address that on the construction of public columbaria, the Government consulted the North District Council and the Eastern District Council on the sites at Sandy Ridge and Chai Wan respectively last year. The two sites are expected to provide a total of about 225 000 new niches. Please advise on the details of the plans, as well as the locations, areas, transport arrangements, estimated construction costs, manpower arrangements and completion dates with respect to the columbaria concerned.

Please also advise on the views of the North District Council and the Eastern District Council, as well as the number of objections or favourable responses received by the Department so far.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) consulted and obtained the support of the relevant District Councils in 2014 on the construction of 200 000 niches and 25 000 niches at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery and Chai Wan (a site on Cape Collinson Road opposite the Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery Columbarium and next to Wan Tsui Estate Park) respectively. The traffic impact assessment studies conducted for each of the two sites concluded that the additional traffic / pedestrian volume arising from the operation of these columbaria during the peak grave-sweeping season will be manageable with the implementation of special traffic and transport management measures.

The Department is currently conducting site investigation and detailed design for site formation and associated infrastructural works for the development of columbarium, crematorium and related facilities at the Sandy Ridge Cemetery, covering an area of about

25 hectares. The total estimated cost for conducting the said site investigation and detailed design work is \$66.4 million.

As for the Chai Wan columbarium site which covers an area of 3 800 square metres, the Department will further consult the relevant District Council on the design of the columbarium when ready. The Department will also work closely with the relevant departments to arrange for the necessary rezoning, road junction improvement works and land allocation matters.

As the estimated cost for developing new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details, the estimated cost for developing the columbarium facilities at these two sites is not yet available. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower resources involved in taking forward plans and projects to provide more columbarium facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)222

(Question Serial No. 3530)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the average, longest and shortest waiting time for a public niche.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

At present, as and when new niches in public columbaria are available for allocation, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will invite applications from members of the public. New niches are allocated through computer balloting. There is no waiting list for allocation of new niches.

For re-allocated niches, a waiting list is available for each columbarium. As at December 2014, the shortest and longest waiting time was one month (for Cheung Chau columbarium) and 82 months (for Wo Hop Shek columbarium) respectively. The average waiting time for the re-allocated niches in the eight public columbaria was 54 months.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)223

(Question Serial No. 3531)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Public Education and Community Involvement

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the details of the Government's initiative to promote the reduction of salt and sugar in diet in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The Government announced in Policy Agenda 2015 to devise and implement a strategic plan to reduce intake of salt and sugar in food to promote a healthy diet. The Government's target is to gradually reduce the intake of salt and sugar by Hong Kong citizens to the levels recommended by the World Health Organization.

In this connection, the Government set up in March 2015 the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Committee). Members of the Committee comprise representatives from different sectors, including healthcare professional organisations, the food trade, the relevant academia, the media, consumers and the education sector. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Secretary for Food and Health on the formulation of policy directions and work plans to reduce the intake of salt and sugar by the public, as well as to reduce salt and sugar in food. The first Committee meeting was held on 27 March 2015. At the same time, the Government will continue to draw reference from the advice on international experiences rendered by the International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food (the Panel) (formerly known as International Advisory Panel on Reduction of Dietary Sodium and Sugars in Hong Kong) which comprises five renowned public health experts from the Mainland and overseas.

The Government will devise the strategy to reduce salt and sugar in food taking into account the recommendations and views of the Committee and the Panel.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)224

(Question Serial No. 3888)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Many public markets in Hong Kong need revitalisation and refurbishment. For instance, local views have remarked that the facilities at Heung Che Street Market in Tsuen Wan are in a dilapidated condition and do not include a lift. In this connection, please advise whether the Department will consider and explore the possibility of carrying out refurbishment works and retrofitting of lifts in the said market; if yes, the manpower and expenditure to be involved; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

To enhance the operating environment of Heung Che Street Market, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is exploring the possibility of conducting improvement works there. The improvement works tentatively include refurbishment of the entrances and external walls and improvement of the drainage system.

Also, the Department is actively pursuing the proposal to provide a lift for the market. Having confirmed the location of the lift, the Architectural Services Department is now carrying out technical feasibility study to take the project forward.

The above-mentioned improvement works are still at the preliminary planning stage. Information on the manpower and expenditure involved is not available yet.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)225

(Question Serial No. 3897)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Local views have expressed that the barbecue establishments in Kau Wa Keng of Kwai Tsing district have caused odour and noise nuisances to residents in the neighbourhood. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (a) the monitoring measures taken by the Department over the barbecue establishments in Kau Wa Keng, the number of complaints received and handled relating to the above issue, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved, in each of the past three years; and
- (b) whether the Department will introduce any measures to improve the above situation; if yes, the manpower and expenditure in this respect, together with the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has been closely monitoring the operation of two unlicensed fresh provision shops (FPSs) at two barbecue sites in the Kau Wa Keng Old Village area. Apart from carrying out regular inspections and prosecution actions, the Department has mounted joint operations with the Hong Kong Police Force (the Police) regularly to take enforcement actions against the unlicensed FPSs. Stringent enforcement actions, including arrests of the operators of the unlicensed FPSs with seizure of food items and paraphernalia, have been effected to achieve greater deterrence.

In addition, the Department has referred the case to other departments concerned, including the Environmental Protection Department, the Police and Lands Department, for parallel actions on noise, odour, illegal sale of liquor, suspected unauthorised occupation of unleased Government land and breach of lease conditions in private land, etc.

Between 2012 and 2014, 96 complaints were received and the Department mounted 70 enforcement operations against the unlicensed FPSs. A total of 129 prosecutions, including 87 summonses and 42 arrests for contravention of the Food Business Regulation (Cap. 132X), were taken.

The above work was taken up by existing staff members. There is no breakdown of the expenditure involved.

- (b) The Department will continue to closely monitor the two unlicensed FPSs and take stringent enforcement actions to curb the illegal food business.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)226

(Question Serial No. 4539)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the number of prosecutions instituted by the Department against persons involved in street arts performances in Mong Kok district in the year before and in the year after 19 January 2014. Please advise on the reason(s) for the prosecutions, the relevant legislation invoked, the number of prosecutions instituted, the number of convicted cases, and the penalties imposed, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 306)

Reply:

Street arts performers, like other members of the public, are subject to the laws of Hong Kong, including, inter alia, those against causing nuisance, annoyance or obstruction in any public place to people and/or traffic; noise nuisance; and objectionable performances of an indecent, obscene, revolting or offensive nature.

In the year before and in the year after 19 January 2014, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department had not instituted any prosecution against persons involved in street arts performances in Mong Kok district.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)227

(Question Serial No. 4540)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) For the past two years, please provide information on the following with a breakdown by District Council district and by year:
 - a. the number of complaints received regarding the illegal display of easy-mount frames and banners;
 - b. the number of illegally displayed easy-mount frames and banners removed;
 - c. the number of owners of illegally displayed materials who were asked to bear the costs incurred and the number of demand notices issued; and
 - d. the number of cases in which penalty notices could not be served on the owners of illegally displayed materials.
- (2) Please advise on the respective costs for removing an easy-mount frame and a banner, the number of current default cases with unsettled payments, and under what circumstances the Government will write off these payments.
- (3) Please advise whether the Government will bear the relevant costs if penalty notices cannot be served on the owners of illegally displayed materials. Please also advise on the amount involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 307)

Reply:

- (1) The information sought is provided as follows –
 - a. The number of complaints received regarding unauthorised display of publicity materials in 2013 and 2014 was 4 756 and 5 181 respectively. The Food and

Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep a breakdown of the complaints by district.

b. The number of unauthorised publicity materials removed in 2013 and 2014 was 3 148 500 and 3 002 810 respectively, including 6 314 and 4 885 easy-mount frames with display of unauthorised publicity materials respectively. The Department does not keep a breakdown, by district, of the unauthorised publicity materials removed.

c. & d.

The Department identifies the beneficiaries based on the information shown on the unauthorised publicity materials. If the beneficiaries of the unauthorised publicity materials cannot be identified, no demand notes would be issued. The number of demand notes issued in 2013 and 2014 was 598 and 643 respectively. The Department does not keep a breakdown, by district, of the demand notes issued. Nor does it keep information on the number of owners on whom the Department has or has not served demand notes.

- (2) The Department recovers the removal cost from the beneficiaries of the publicity materials removed in accordance with section 130 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). The removal cost includes the cost of labour, transport, supervision and departmental charges, and will be apportioned among the beneficiaries of the publicity materials removed during the same operation. The removal cost for each publicity material removed depends largely on the number of publicity materials removed in the operation. In 2014, 41 out of 643 demand notes issued have not been settled as at February 2015. The Department will consider writing off the arrears only after all actions taken to recover the arrears have failed.
- (3) If the unauthorised publicity materials removed do not contain sufficient information for identifying the beneficiaries, the removal cost concerned will be borne by the Department. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the costs involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5179)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

- (1) Please advise on the total number of cases involving seizure of smuggled vegetables or meats by the Department in the past two years. With a breakdown by year, please advise on the types of vegetables/meats involved and their respective quantities, the number of prosecution cases, the number of convicted cases, and the penalties imposed. Please also advise on the quantity involved in the most serious smuggling case of this kind and the penalties imposed.

- (2) Please advise on the total number of vegetable/meat smuggling cases referred by the Customs and Excise Department to the Department in each of the past two years; whether the Department has taken follow-up actions (if yes, the specific details on the follow-up actions, and, with a breakdown by year, the types of vegetables/meats involved and their respective quantities, the number of prosecution cases, the number of convicted cases, and the penalties imposed; if not, the reason(s)).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 308)

Reply:

In 2013 and 2014, the Custom and Excise Department (C&ED) referred 402 and 337 cases of suspected smuggling of game, meat and poultry to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) respectively, including one and nine cases by sea cargo and 401 and 328 by travellers respectively. FEHD does not keep statistics on the quantities of the products involved in these referred cases. FEHD conducted investigation into all referred cases including checking for health certificates and ascertaining the source of meat. Details of the seized meat by types and quantities are tabulated below -

Year	Pork(kg)	Beef(kg)	Mutton(kg)	Poultry(kg)	Game(kg)	Total(kg)
2013	1 136	78	33	780	236	2 263
2014	844	140 115	48 644	25 113	54	214 770

In respect of the above cases, FEHD took out 269 and 142 prosecutions pursuant to the Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations (Cap.132AK) in 2013 and 2014 respectively. The number of convicted cases in 2013 and 2014 were 154 and 101 respectively. The level of fines ranged from \$40 to \$10,000.

As for vegetable import, the Mainland is the major supplier of vegetables to Hong Kong. The Government and the Mainland authorities have established administrative arrangement under which vegetables supplied to Hong Kong must come from registered vegetable farms and production and processing establishments under the supervision of the relevant Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau. All fresh vegetables entering Hong Kong via the land route must be imported through Man Kam To Boundary Control Point (MKTBCP). The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) and C&ED have been working together closely to monitor implementation of the arrangement. The two departments conduct joint operations from time to time to inspect vehicles carrying vegetables at the MKTBCP. C&ED would refer any suspicious vehicles carrying vegetables via other control points to CFS. In February 2015, C&ED referred a total of nine cases of bringing a substantial amount of vegetables into Hong Kong detected at Lo Wu Control Point to CFS. CFS officers took immediate follow-up actions and conducted investigations accordingly, and the vegetables were voluntarily surrendered by the travellers for disposal. There was no vegetable smuggling case referred by C&ED to FEHD in 2013 and 2014.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)229

(Question Serial No. 5180)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of licensed undertakers in each District Council district, and, among these undertakers, the number of those who are allowed, as well as those who are not allowed at any time, to provide storage service for cremated human ashes;
- (2) whether the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department conducted any inspections of the licensed undertakers to ensure their compliance with licensing conditions in the past two years; if yes, the number of inspections, the number of non-compliance cases, the nature of non-compliance, the number of prosecutions and convictions on a yearly basis; if not, the reason(s) and whether resources will be allocated in the next financial year for this type of work (as well as the relevant details); and
- (3) whether the Department has received any complaints about suspected illegal operation of the undertakers, as well as the number of complaints received, the specific follow-up actions taken by the Department, the number of prosecutions and convictions, and the number of premises not allowed to continue to operate, with a breakdown by year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 309)

Reply:

- (1) As at end of February 2015, there are 111 licensed undertakers of burials in the territory. Of them, 30 are not allowed to keep cremated human ashes on the premises. The distribution of these licensed undertakers of burials by district is as follows –

District	No. of Licensed Undertakers of Burials (no. of undertakers not allowed to keep ashes on the premises)
New Territories	
Yuen Long	12 (7)
Tuen Mun	5 (3)
Sai Kung	2 (1)
North	2
Islands	3
Sha Tin	1
Tai Po	1
Kwai Tsing	0
Tsuen Wan	0
Sub-total	26(11)
Hong Kong	
Central & Western	5
Eastern	1
Southern	0
Wan Chai	1 (1)
Sub-total	7(1)
Kowloon	
Kowloon City	59 (9)
Yau Tsim Mong	15 (9)
Wong Tai Sin	4
Sham Shui Po	0
Kwun Tung	0
Sub-total	78 (18)
Total	111 (30)

- (2) The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) conducts regular inspections to the premises of licensed undertakers of burials to ensure their compliance with licensing requirements and conditions as well as provisions in the Undertakers of Burials Regulation (Cap. 132CB). The Department conducted 430 and 340 inspections to the premises of the licensed undertakers of burials in 2013 and 2014 respectively. In this connection, 81 verbal warnings and eight verbal advice

were issued in 2013 while 87 verbal warnings and ten verbal advice were issued in 2014 to the licensed undertakers of burials for rectification of non-compliance detected during inspection. The number and nature of non-compliance cases and the action taken are as follows –

Year	No. of Inspections Conducted	Non-compliance Detected		Follow-up Action	Remarks
		No.	Nature		
2013	430	57	The licensee or a manager nominated by the licensee was found not conducting the business in person at the licensed premises.	Verbal warnings given	The irregularities were found rectified during follow-up inspections.
		24	Register of the deceased's particulars was found not updated or not available for inspection.	Verbal warnings given	
		2	Licence was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	
		6	Inspection record was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	
2014	340	62	The licensee or a manager nominated by the licensee was found not conducting the business in person at the licensed premises.	Verbal warnings given	The irregularities were found rectified during follow-up inspections.
		25	Register of the deceased's particulars was found not updated or not available for inspection.	Verbal warnings given	
		6	Licence was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	
		4	Inspection record was not available for inspection.	Verbal advice given	

- (3) The Department received six complaints in 2013 and one complaint in 2014 respectively about suspected illegal operation on the part of undertakers of burials. After investigation, no unlicensed operation was detected.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)230

(Question Serial No. 5181)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of existing licensed and unlicensed bootblack hawkers in the territory and their trading locations; and
- (2) the number and details of the complaints against bootblack hawkers received, as well as the specific follow-up actions taken by the Department, in each of the past two years; whether any warnings or prosecutions were initiated against bootblack hawkers by the Department in response to the complaints (if yes, the details).

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No.310)

Reply:

- (1) As at end of February 2015, there were six licensed bootblack hawkers. They are all located in Central and Western District. The frontline staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department did not come across any unlicensed bootblack hawker last year.
- (2) In 2013, there were two complaints against three licensed bootblack hawkers for causing obstruction. The irregularities were rectified upon issue of verbal warnings to the hawkers concerned. No complaints against licensed bootblack hawkers were received in 2014.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)231

(Question Serial No. 5182)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the reconstruction and relocation of the hawker stalls in 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas in the territory in order to expedite the work in reducing fire risks and the “Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas”, please provide information on the following:

- (1) the number of cabinet-type stalls and Hawker Permitted Place stalls in each of the 43 fixed-pitch hawker areas;
- (2) the latest situation of the fixed-pitch hawker areas: i.e. the number of stalls relocated and reconstructed, stalls reconstructed in-situ, hawker licences surrendered and stalls yet to be dealt with, with a breakdown by fixed-pitch hawker area; and
- (3) the number of applications received under the five-year “Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas” and the amount of funding involved each year since the implementation of the Scheme, the number of applications being processed and the amount of funding involved, and the funding still available for application under the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 311)

Reply:

The information sought for (1)-(3) is provided at Annexes 1-3. The amount of funding still available for application under the Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme) is \$141.3 million.

Licensed Hawkers Operating in the 43 Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas before and after the Implementation of the Scheme

District	Location of hawker areas	Before the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees			After the implementation of the assistance scheme for hawker licensees# (as at 28.2.2015)			
		Cabinet-type	HPP-type@	Total	Cabinet-type	HPP-type@	Total	
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	0	93	84	0	84	
	Marble Street	124	0	124	95	0	95	
	Kam Wa Street	20	91	111	19	79	98	
	Tai Tak Street	26	2	28	19	1	20	
	Mong Lung Street	4	17	21	3	12	15	
	Sub-total		267	110	377	220	92	312
Central & Western	Pottinger Street	47	0	47	42	0	42	
	Graham Street	35	20	55	31	17	48	
	Gage Street	15	0	15	11	0	11	
	Li Yuen Street East	63	0	63	58	0	58	
	Li Yuen Street West	58	0	58	53	0	53	
	Peel Street	36	7	43	29	4	33	
	Wing Kut Street	32	2	34	30	2	32	
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	13	12	0	12	
	Man Wa Lane	32	0	32	32	0	32	
	Sub-total		331	29	360	298	23	321
	Wan Chai	Gresson Street	46	5	51	40	4	44
Cross Street		60	11	71	60	10	70	
Tai Yuen Street		5	71	76	5	71	76	
Jardine's Crescent		162	0	162	157	0	157	
Sub-total			273	87	360	262	85	347
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	189	44	233	156	34	190	
	Pak Hoi Street	7	9	16	7	6	13	

	Saigon Street	19	0	19	18	0	18
	Canton Road	32	4	36	18	2	20
	Bowring Street	100	0	100	94	0	94
	Temple Street	34	289	323	33	281	314
	Sub-total	381	346	727	326	323	649
Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	0	698	698	0	662	662
	Canton Road	317	0	317	286	0	286
	Fife Street	29	0	29	28	0	28
	Yin Chong Street	78	0	78	71	0	71
	Ki Lung Street	20	0	20	11	0	11
	Poplar Street	12	0	12	7	0	7
	Fa Yuen Street	220	0	220	220	0	220
	Nelson Street	0	63	63	0	54	54
	Sub-total	676	761	1 437	623	716	1 339
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	5	66	71	5	49	54
	Fat Tseung Street	27	20	47	23	15	38
	Cheung Fat Street	54	11	65	39	9	48
	Fuk Wa Street	166	0	166	161	0	161
	Fuk Wing Street	0	40	40	0	39	39
	Pei Ho Street	124	30	154	120	30	150
	Apliu Street	179	42	221	169	42	211
	Ki Lung Street	39	96	135	38	93	131
	Tai Nan Street	2	61	63	2	61	63
	Kweilin Street	0	58	58	0	58	58
	Sub-total	596	424	1 020	557	396	953
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	0	54	51	0	51
	Sub-total	54	0	54	51	0	51
	Total	2 578	1 757	4 335	2 337	1 635	3 972

The figures have included six fixed-pitch hawkers relocated from other on-street pitches due to various reasons such as building redevelopment in the vicinity.

@ Hawker Permitted Place-type.

**Applications for Grants in respect of Relocation cum Reconstruction, In-situ Reconstruction
and Surrender of Hawker Licence for Ex-gratia Payment
(as at 28.2.2015)**

District	Location of hawker areas	Number of hawkers eligible	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant	Number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grant approved#	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant	Number of applications for in-situ reconstruction grant approved#	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence	Number of applications for ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licence approved	Number of hawkers who have yet to apply
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h) = (a) - (b) - (d) - (f)
Eastern	Chun Yeung Street	93	5	2	4	0	10	9	74
	Marble Street	124	5	5	4	4	30	27	85
	Kam Wa Street	111	5	4	0	0	12	12	94
	Tai Tak Street	28	0	0	1	0	8	8	19
	Mong Lung Street	21	0	0	0	0	6	6	15
	Sub-total	377	15	11	9	4	66	62	287
Central & Western	Pottinger Street	47	1	0	5	2	6	4	35
	Graham Street	55	6	5	8	1	7	7	34
	Gage Street	15	0	0	8	1	4	4	3

	Li Yuen Street East	63	12	12	46	43	5	5	0
	Li Yuen Street West	58	20	20	33	33	5	5	0
	Peel Street	43	2	1	8	1	12	10	21
	Wing Kut Street	34	6	6	4	1	1	1	23
	Upper Lascar Row	13	0	0	4	3	1	1	8
	Man Wa Lane	32	2	2	0	0	0	0	30
	Sub-total	360	49	46	116	85	41	37	154
Wan Chai	Gresson Street	51	0	0	3	0	8	8	40
	Cross Street	71	2	0	0	0	1	1	68
	Tai Yuen Street	76	2	2	2	1	0	0	72
	Jardine's Crescent	162	26	15	3	1	5	5	128
	Sub-total	360	30	17	8	2	14	14	308
Yau Tsim	Reclamation Street	233	19	1	8	0	43	43	163
	Pak Hoi Street	16	0	0	0	0	3	3	13
	Saigon Street	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	18
	Canton Road	36	1	1	0	0	17	17	18
	Bowring Street	100	7	6	9	5	7	6	77
	Temple Street	323	5	0	29	0	9	9	280
	Sub-total	727	32	8	46	5	80	79	569

Mongkok	Tung Choi Street	698	0	0	0	0	36	36	662
	Canton Road	317	21	0	21	1	32	32	243
	Fife Street	29	2	1	5	0	6	6	16
	Yin Chong Street	78	6	0	1	0	7	7	64
	Ki Lung Street	20	2	1	1	1	11	11	6
	Poplar Street	12	1	1	0	0	5	5	6
	Fa Yuen Street	220	31	2	175	25	1	1	13
	Nelson Street	63	0	0	0	0	9	9	54
	Sub-total	1 437	63	5	203	27	107	107	1 064
Sham Shui Po	Wing Lung Street	71	1	1	2	1	18	18	50
	Fat Tseung Street	47	5	0	4	2	9	9	29
	Cheung Fat Street	65	3	2	1	1	17	17	44
	Fuk Wa Street	166	30	0	61	0	5	5	70
	Fuk Wing Street	40	7	2	7	1	1	1	25
	Pei Ho Street	154	12	1	8	0	4	4	130

	Apliu Street	221	52	16	147	47	9	9	13
	Ki Lung Street	135	7	2	46	14	4	4	78
	Tai Nan Street	63	9	0	35	2	0	0	19
	Kweilin Street	58	8	0	46	0	0	0	4
	Sub-total	1 020	134	24	357	68	67	67	462
Kowloon City	Pau Chung Street	54	7	7	12	11	3	3	32
	Sub-total	54	7	7	12	11	3	3	32
	Total	4 335	330	118	751	202	378	369	2 876

Approval for relocation or in-situ reconstruction grant is subject to compliance with all stall construction specifications and clearance of existing stall structure.

Applications for Grants Received and Amount of Funding Involved

Year	Number of applications received#	Amount of funding involved@ (\$)
2013/14 (3.6.2013- 31.3.2014)	492	43,569,000
2014/15 (1.4.2014- 28.2.2015)	967	45,155,000
Total	1 459	88,724,000

**Applications for Grants being Processed and
Amount of Funding Involved
(as at 28.2.2015)**

Number of applications being processed#	Amount of funding involved@ (\$)
770	31,580,000

The number represents the total number of applications for relocation cum reconstruction grants, in-situ reconstruction grants and ex-gratia payment on surrender of hawker licences.

@ For applications for reconstruction grants where applicants have not yet provided stall reconstruction quotations, the amount of funding involved is estimated to be the maximum grant for the respective category of pitch sizes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)232

(Question Serial No. 5188)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Department's efforts to step up enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), please advise on the following:

- a) the number of complaints received and prosecutions instituted in respect of SFEs in each of the past three years, with a breakdown by district;
- b) whether the Department will set up any dedicated teams to mount raiding operations; if yes, the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s); and
- c) whether any special policy will be introduced in the future to step up the action against street obstruction caused by parallel trading activities.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 409)

Reply:

- (a) The information sought is provided at Annex.
- (b) To step up enforcement against shop front extensions (SFEs), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) will strengthen the manpower to tackle the problem. In 2015-16, the Department will create 39 civil service posts, comprising 33 Hawker Control Officer grade staff and six workmen. Three task force teams will be set up to combat SFEs at blackspots. The estimated expenditure for creation of the 39 posts is about \$10.1 million.
- (c) Obstruction caused by parallel traders is a street management issue which falls under the jurisdiction of a number of departments. The Department will continue to participate in inter-departmental operations and take enforcement actions if environmental nuisance is caused by the activities of parallel traders on-street.

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Number of Complaints and Prosecutions on Shop Front Extensions

District \ Year	Number of Complaints			Number of Prosecutions		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Central & Western	686	445	631	294	422	660
Wan Chai	561	537	700	3 115	2 134	1 403
Eastern	3 311	2 946	2 655	2 131	2 952	2 841
Southern	200	211	155	698	714	633
Island	127	132	94	13	21	28
Yau Tsim	1 080	1 202	944	637	748	140
Mong Kok	1 508	1 246	1 108	2 208	3 001	2 112
Sham Shui Po	1 374	2 023	2 401	992	1 720	2 307
Kowloon City	724	1 254	1 234	1 274	1 369	1 330
Wong Tai Sin	649	822	456	600	527	675
Kwun Tong	994	1 010	651	964	991	488
Kwai Tsing	801	541	410	909	608	417
Tsuen Wan	3 520	2 695	921	1 693	2 249	1 597
Tuen Mun	568	594	386	1 399	1 369	1 484
Yuen Long	1 849	1 755	4 087	3 221	3 770	3 738
Northern	515	520	710	213	196	189
Tai Po	850	973	622	1 909	2 169	1 185
Shatin	559	758	436	808	1 767	1 056
Sai Kung	285	259	250	489	169	211
Total	20 161	19 923	18 851	23 567	26 896	22 494

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)233

(Question Serial No. 6442)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of summonses served on the hawkers trading in Jardine's Crescent Fixed-pitch Hawker Area in Causeway Bay last year, and, among them, the number of hawkers who were repeatedly prosecuted, as well as the number of and reason(s) for prosecutions against individual hawkers who were repeatedly prosecuted.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 395)

Reply:

In 2014, a total of 295 summonses were issued to operators / licensees of fixed-pitch hawker stalls at Jardine's Crescent. About 45 operators / licensees were repeat offenders. The number of summonses issued to them ranged from two to 12. The offences committed by the operators / licensees were mainly related to extension of business area beyond the approved stall area and causing obstruction in public place.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)234

(Question Serial No. 6443)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number of raids conducted by the Hawker Control Teams, the number of summonses issued, and the total amount of fines imposed in various District Council districts last year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 396)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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**Total number of raids conducted by Hawker Control Teams,
the number of prosecutions taken out in various districts
and the total amount of fines imposed in 2014**

District	Number of raids	Number of prosecutions	Total amount of fines (\$)
Central/Western	6 971	1 433	16,399,950
Wan Chai	5 486	3 292	
Eastern	4 102	4 036	
Southern	2 040	791	
Island	561	181	
Yau Tsim Mong	15 188	4 372	
Sham Shui Po	10 532	3 105	
Kowloon City	6 284	1 361	
Wong Tai Sin	2 820	742	
Kwun Tong	4 747	712	
Kwai Tsing	7 959	871	
Tsuen Wan	7 422	1 738	
Tuen Mun	6 731	1 114	
Yuen Long	11 761	4 695	
Northern	7 814	778	
Tai Po	9 577	1 346	
Shatin	7 903	442	
Sai Kung	6 786	199	
Total	124 684	31 208	

Note : Further breakdown on the amount of fines by individual district is not available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)235

(Question Serial No. 3653)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the engagement of outsourced workers, please provide the following information:

	2015-16
Estimated number of outsourced service contracts	
Estimated operating expenses for payments to outsourced service providers	
Estimated number of workers to be engaged through outsourced service providers	

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2015-16
Estimated number of outsourced service contracts	148
Estimated operating expenses for payments to outsourced service providers	\$1,807.4 million
Estimated number of workers to be engaged through outsourced service providers	11 869

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)236

(Question Serial No. 4505)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Government has indicated that there will be a substantial increase in cremation fees. It is noted that the adjustment rate of cremation fees is mainly set by the Cemeteries and Crematoria Special Duties Team as well as the Finance and Supplies Division under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. Please advise this Committee on the operational expenses, staff establishment and estimated full-year expenditure on salaries of the above Team and Division for 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 103)

Reply:

Provision of cremation service is under the purview of the Cemeteries and Crematoria Section (C&C Section) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). The estimated operational expenses (excluding expenditure on salary), staff establishment and expenditure on salary of the C&C Section for 2015-16 are \$280.4 million, 213 staff (including 34 Non-Civil Service Contract staff) and \$52.1 million respectively.

The Finance and Supplies Division (F&SD) is responsible for finance matters and supplies operations of not just the C&C section but the Department as a whole. Its main duties include, among others, financial analysis in the process of the comprehensive fee review. The estimated operational expenses (excluding expenditure on salary), staff establishment and expenditure on salary of F&SD for 2015-16 are \$19.1 million, 105 staff and \$36.2 million respectively.

The duties of C&C Section and F&SD include various tasks. There is no breakdown for the expenditure incurred in the fee adjustment exercise.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)237

(Question Serial No. 4712)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide this Committee with information under this programme as follows:

- (1) the operational expenses, staff establishment and estimated full-year expenditure on salaries of the Department's pest control teams in each of the 19 district environmental hygiene offices (DEHOs) for 2015-16;
- (2) whether the Department has outsourced the pest control work to contractors; if yes, the outsourcing cost for 2014-15 and the estimated outsourcing cost for 2015-16;
- (3) the number of rodents trapped by contractors in 2014-15;
- (4) the number of trappings conducted and rodents trapped by various DEHOs' pest control teams in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 112)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

- (1) The estimated expenditure of the 19 district environmental hygiene offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in providing pest control services is \$435.1 million for 2015-16. There is a total workforce of about 700 in the in-house pest control teams for 2015-16 and the estimated expenditure on salaries for these teams is \$158.9 million. The Department does not keep a breakdown of the above information by district.

- (2) Pest control service is provided by both in-house staff and contractor staff. The revised estimated cost of the outsourced pest control service for 2014-15 is \$249 million and the estimated cost for 2015-16 is \$252.6 million.
- (3) The number of rodents trapped by contractors in 2014 was 9 299.
- (4) The number of trappings conducted and rodents trapped by in-house pest control teams in 2014 was 18 502 and 2 646 respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)238

(Question Serial No. 4732)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the Department's efforts to enhance enforcement action against shop front extensions (SFEs), the estimated provision for 2015-16 is \$5.1 million higher than that for 2014-15 and there will be an increase of 39 posts. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (1) the titles, duties and estimated annual salaries of the 39 posts; and
- (2) the total number of SFE cases handled in 2014-15 and the number of SFE cases expected to be handled after the creation of the 39 new posts.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 132)

Reply:

1. The estimated provision for Programme (3) Market Management and Hawker Control under Head 49: Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for 2015-16 is \$5.1 million higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the increased expenses for enhancing enforcement against shop front extensions (SFE), partly offset by decreased capital expenditure for market management. The information sought regarding the increase in 39 posts for enhancing enforcement against SFE is provided at Annex.
2. In 2014, the Department handled a total of 18 851 complaints against SFE. The Department will continue to handle the SFE cases in accordance with the established procedures. The 39 new posts will be deployed into three task force teams for combating SFE blackspots in the territory. There is no estimation on the number of SFE cases to be handled after the creation of the 39 new posts.

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**The ranks, duties and estimated salaries of the 39 posts
for enhancing enforcement against shop front extension**

Rank	No. of posts	Duties	Approximate annual salaries (\$)
Senior Hawker Control Officer	3	To assist senior officers in planning, prioritizing and organizing day-to-day operations against shop front extension (SFE) at blackspots; and to lead and supervise staff in frontline operations and enforcement actions at SFE blackspots, inclusive of taking arrest and seizure actions as appropriate.	1.235 million
Hawker Control Officer	6	To act as deputy commander to lead and supervise Assistant Hawker Control Officers and Workmen I in operations against SFE at blackspots; to take legal action, inclusive of taking arrest and seizure actions as appropriate; to supervise seizures and assist in disposing of seized goods and paraphernalia, and to attend the subsequent legal proceedings.	2.034 million
Assistant Hawker Control Officer	24	To perform day-to-day operations against SFE at blackspots; to take legal action, inclusive of arrests and seizures; to assist in disposing of seized goods and hawker paraphernalia and keeping proper records of the disposals; and to prepare summons documents according to procedures and provide other support relating to legal actions.	5.933 million
Workman I	6	To perform duties relating to operations against SFE, including the removal of articles, equipment and paraphernalia of offenders, transporting and disposing of the seized articles and cordoning areas off as directed by the senior officers; to remove debris, rubbish, unwanted goods and paraphernalia during operations; to record and check the seized goods; and to keep seized goods centres clean and tidy.	0.939 million

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)239

(Question Serial No. 6253)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide the total number of vegetable farms on the Mainland supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, as well as the number of the vegetable farms in each province, in each of the past five years. Please also provide the average quantities of vegetables imported from these vegetable farms each year.

Year	Province/Municipality																													
	Guangdong (廣東)	Guangxi (廣西)	Yunnan (雲南)	Guizhou (貴州)	Fujian (福建)	Jiangxi (江西)	Hunan (湖南)	Zhejiang (浙江)	Jiangsu (江蘇)	Anhui (安徽)	Hubei (湖北)	Shanghai (上海)	Chongqing (重慶)	Shandong (山東)	Henan (河南)	Hebei (河北)	Shanxi (山西)	Shaanxi (陝西)	Ningxia (寧夏)	Liaoning (遼寧)	Jilin (吉林)	Heilongjiang (黑龍江)	Beijing (北京)	Nei Mongol (內蒙古)	Gansu (甘肅)	Qinghai (青海)	Xinjiang (新疆)	Tibet (西藏)		
2010																														
2011																														
2012																														
2013																														
2014																														

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 601)

Reply:

The total number of vegetable farms in the Mainland approved for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong, as well as the number of such vegetable farms in different provinces and cities, in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, are tabulated as follows –

Province/City	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Guangdong	142	158	150	142	137
Shenzhen	6	6	6	6	2
Zhuhai	1	1	1	1	1
Beijing	6	4	3	3	3
Chongqing	1	1	1	1	1
Fujian	4	11	7	2	1
Gansu	9	9	9	9	9
Guangxi	2	2	2	2	2
Guizhou	3	3	3	3	3
Hainan	27	15	15	15	15
Hebei	29	22	14	8	10
Henan	14	14	14	16	12
Hubei	8	10	13	13	13
Hunan	70	50	50	50	32
Jiangsu	25	25	25	26	28
Jiangxi	15	15	15	8	8
Liaoning	1	5	5	5	5
Neimongol	10	1	1	2	2
Ningxia	11	17	21	22	23
Shandong	61	62	69	70	76
Shanxi	2	2	2	2	2
Shanghai	13	13	13	13	13
Sichuan	2	2	2	2	2
Tianjin	7	7	7	7	7
Xiamen	7	-	-	6	6
Yunnan	55	55	55	28	28
Zhejiang	18	18	18	18	18
Total no. of registered vegetable farms	549	528	521	480	459

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep information on which of these farms has supplied vegetables to Hong Kong and the concerned quantities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)240

(Question Serial No. 6261)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services
(3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of local farmers prosecuted for street hawking of fruits and vegetables and the amount of fines imposed over the past ten years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 610)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not have statistics on the number of local farmers prosecuted for street hawking of fruits and vegetables nor the amount of fines imposed in the past ten years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)241

(Question Serial No. 6264)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the total number of cases in which excessive pesticides, heavy metals or toxic substances were detected in the vegetables supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 613)

Reply:

The number of non-compliant vegetable samples with pesticide residues and metallic contamination exceeding the relevant food safety standards and supplied by the Mainland to Hong Kong from 2010 to 2014 is tabulated below –

Nature of Non-compliance	No. of Non-compliant Vegetable Samples					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Metallic Contamination	7	8	9	3	1	28
Pesticide Residues	0	1	2	2	24	29
Total	7	9	11	5	25	57

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)242****(Question Serial No. 6267)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (000) Operational ExpensesProgramme: (1) Food Safety and Public HealthControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

With respect to the following livestock and poultry, please provide their respective total quantities of imports, as well as their respective quantities of imports as fresh/chilled/frozen meat or poultry, into Hong Kong in each of the past five years, including a list of countries of origin showing the countries' shares of these imports.

Year	Pigs	Cattle	Chickens	Goats
2010				
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 616)Reply:

The information sought is provided below.

Livestock

The total number of live pigs, live cattle, live chickens and live goats imported into Hong Kong from 2010 to 2014 is tabulated as follows. All of them are imported from the Mainland.

Year	Live Pig (Heads)	Live Cattle (Heads)	Live Chicken (Heads)	Live Goat (Heads)
2010	1 630 452	28 003	2 543 700	13 013
2011	1 464 211	28 703	2 468 800	13 682
2012	1 540 756	26 032	2 470 800	8 946
2013	1 575 810	19 153	2 301 900	6 472
2014	1 624 926	18 602	912 300 #	5 371

Supply of live poultry was suspended from 28 January 2014 to 3 September 2014 and from 31 December 2014 to 21 January 2015.

Chilled and frozen meat and poultry

Information on the import quantities of chilled and frozen meat and poultry, including the places of origin with their respective shares, is provided by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD). It is sourced from the import declarations lodged by traders with the Customs and Excise Department. According to the information compiled by C&SD, the list of economies supplying chilled and frozen meat and poultry to Hong Kong and their respective shares from 2010 to 2014 are tabulated below. The information provided covers chilled and frozen pork, beef, chicken and mutton for local consumption and re-export purpose.

Chilled and Frozen Pork

Year	Chilled Pork		Frozen Pork	
	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)
2010	The Mainland	14 419	The Mainland	66 240
	USA	151	Brazil	53 178
	Australia	148	Germany	28 048
	Thailand	61	USA	26 926
	Canada	42	Netherlands	14 738
	France	31	Canada	11 176
	Japan	26	Vietnam	9 861
	Israel	0.3	Spain	5 202
			United Kingdom	3 432
			Denmark	2 216
			Others	6 808
Total	14 878	Total	227 825	

2011	The Mainland	14 767	Brazil	78 979
	USA	468	The Mainland	46 469
	Australia	146	Germany	39 598
	Canada	49	Netherlands	24 466
	France	46	USA	15 869
	Thailand	36	Canada	7 347
	Japan	19	United Kingdom	6 696
	Korea	2	Vietnam	5 901
	Denmark	2	Spain	5 126
	Netherlands	1	Belgium	4 565
	Others	1	Others	15 191
	Total	15 537	Total	250 207
2012	The Mainland	11 288	Brazil	81 811
	Australia	146	The Mainland	40 238
	USA	75	Germany	29 498
	Canada	73	Netherlands	22 190
	Thailand	62	USA	17 322
	France	34	Vietnam	9 035
	Viet Nam	24	Canada	6 762
	Japan	13	Spain	6 395
	Korea	4	Denmark	4 926
	Georgia	1	United Kingdom	4 923
	Others	2	Others	12 482
	Total	11 722	Total	235 582
2013	The Mainland	9 114	Brazil	82 384
	Australia	154	The Mainland	44 334
	Canada	111	Netherlands	26 280
	Thailand	107	Germany	23 538
	USA	80	USA	13 636
	France	33	Vietnam	8 568
	Brazil	27	Spain	7 411
	Japan	15	Canada	4 058
	United Kingdom	11	Belgium	3 308
	Namibia	7	United Kingdom	3 094
	Others	12	Others	10 343
	Total	9 671	Total	226 954
2014	The Mainland	8 367	Brazil	68 373
	Australia	180	The Mainland	52 563
	Canada	115	Germany	32 713
	Thailand	95	Netherlands	18 369
	USA	61	USA	15 690
	United Kingdom	49	Vietnam	7 654
	France	33	Poland	7 546
	Brazil	30	Spain	6 749

Denmark	21	Canada	5 603
Japan	12	Belgium	2 651
Others	14	Others	10 801
Total	8 977	Total	228 712

Chilled and Frozen Beef

Year	Chilled Beef		Frozen Beef	
	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)
2010	Australia	2 244	Brazil	54 231
	Brazil	1 507	USA	26 055
	USA	920	Canada	12 265
	New Zealand	469	The Mainland	8 763
	Canada	192	Australia	5 840
	Japan	133	Argentina	5 149
	Argentina	125	Uruguay	4 710
	Netherlands	20	New Zealand	4 664
	France	9	Netherlands	543
	The Mainland	9	Japan	75
	Others	5	Others	320
	Total	5 633	Total	122 615
2011	Australia	2 470	Brazil	44 785
	USA	1 440	USA	34 520
	New Zealand	484	Canada	14 225
	Brazil	437	The Mainland	10 805
	Canada	260	Australia	6 577
	Japan	164	New Zealand	4 134
	The Mainland	160	Argentina	2 424
	France	21	Uruguay	2 373
	Netherlands	21	United Kingdom	1 057
	Argentina	15	Paraguay	1 041
	Others	24	Others	1 812
	Total	5 496	Total	123 753
2012	Australia	2 530	Brazil	78 693
	USA	1 722	USA	47 227
	Brazil	577	Canada	15 437
	New Zealand	415	The Mainland	6 713
	Canada	205	Australia	5 499
	Japan	186	New Zealand	4 438
	Norway	35	Argentina	2 911
	France	19	Uruguay	2 091

	Netherlands	17	India	1 686
	Argentina	16	Ireland	686
	Others	23	Others	2 721
	Total	5 745	Total	168 102
2013	Australia	2 751	Brazil	169 090
	USA	2 087	USA	113 902
	Brazil	833	Canada	19 882
	New Zealand	441	Australia	4 723
	Japan	177	Argentina	4 195
	Canada	177	New Zealand	3 528
	The Mainland	32	The Mainland	1 645
	France	19	Paraguay	1 425
	Netherlands	18	Ireland	1 038
	Argentina	7	Netherlands	833
	Others	22	Others	2 122
	Total	6 564	Total	322 383
2014	Australia	2 991	Brazil	208 964
	USA	1 890	USA	133 878
	The Mainland	1 242	Canada	16 608
	Brazil	729	Australia	11 790
	New Zealand	402	Mexico	5 538
	Japan	234	United Kingdom	5 030
	Canada	169	New Zealand	4 653
	Argentina	51	Ireland	4 458
	Netherlands	22	Argentina	3 259
	Spain	17	South Africa	1 062
	Others	26	Others	5 322
	Total	7 773	Total	400 562

Chilled and Frozen Chicken

Year	Chilled Chicken		Frozen Chicken	
	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)
2010	The Mainland	47 969	USA	421 220
	Australia	185	Brazil	349 702
	Thailand	35	The Mainland	66 396
	France	33	Poland	17 958
	Cameroon	12	Netherlands	16 110
	USA	11	United Kingdom	15 352
	United Kingdom	0.2	Argentina	14 053
			Canada	13 779
			France	12 164
			Turkey	9 923
		Others	64 280	

	Total	48 245	Total	1 000 937
2011	The Mainland	42 330	USA	545 469
	Australia	190	Brazil	355 497
	Thailand	173	The Mainland	68 441
	France	35	Netherlands	30 099
	USA	31	United Kingdom	28 814
	United Kingdom	2	Poland	22 621
			Turkey	16 431
			Canada	16 251
			France	11 823
			Argentina	10 902
		Others	77 120	
	Total	42 761	Total	1 183 468
2012	The Mainland	37 846	Brazil	316 666
	Thailand	166	USA	309 852
	Australia	165	The Mainland	63 237
	France	31	Netherlands	16 837
	USA	9	United Kingdom	16 328
	United Kingdom	1	Poland	15 290
			Canada	12 927
			Turkey	10 214
			Argentina	7 723
			Thailand	6 830
		Others	51 765	
	Total	38 218	Total	827 669
2013	The Mainland	37 538	Brazil	330 042
	Thailand	258	USA	151 383
	Australia	196	The Mainland	64 854
	France	32	Turkey	25 324
	USA	8	Argentina	19 926
	United Kingdom	1	Netherlands	16 736
	Hungary	0.4	Poland	14 685
	Korea	0.2	United Kingdom	13 364
			Canada	8 247
			Japan	7 832
		Others	67 318	
	Total	38 034	Total	719 711
2014	The Mainland	39 551	Brazil	332 294
	Thailand	312	USA	263 321
	Australia	216	The Mainland	66 522
	Australasia & Oceania, Nesoi	96	Turkey	24 850
	New Zealand	93	Poland	20 916

	France	46	Argentina	19 241
	USA	6	United Kingdom	16 828
	United Kingdom	1	Netherlands	15 028
	Japan	0.1	Chile	10 374
			Canada	8 775
			Others	71 068
	Total	40 321	Total	849 217

Chilled and Frozen Mutton

Year	Chilled Mutton		Frozen Mutton	
	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)	Top 10 places of origin	Quantity (Tonnes)
2010	Australia	369	New Zealand	10 690
	New Zealand	146	Australia	7 028
	France	9	The Mainland	2 611
	United Kingdom	9	Chile	209
	USA	7	Argentina	192
	Poland	6	Spain	149
	Thailand	1	United Kingdom	116
			USA	41
			Netherlands	21
			Uruguay	17
			Others	2
	Total	547	Total	21 076
2011	Australia	330	New Zealand	7 795
	New Zealand	282	Australia	6 321
	United Kingdom	45	The Mainland	2 466
	France	16	United Kingdom	413
	Uruguay	16	Uruguay	322
	The Mainland	13	Chile	272
	USA	4	Netherlands	82
	Ireland	0.1	Argentina	74
			Ireland	50
			Turkey	48
			Others	24
	Total	706	Total	17 867
2012	Australia	310	New Zealand	5 766
	New Zealand	191	Australia	4 392
	United Kingdom	50	The Mainland	1 851
	France	17	United Kingdom	637
	USA	2	Uruguay	234

			Ireland	173
			Chile	91
			Argentina	65
			Brazil	52
			Netherlands	30
			Others	66
	Total		570	Total
2013	Australia	296	Australia	9 679
	New Zealand	246	New Zealand	4 248
	Chile	79	The Mainland	1 222
	United Kingdom	47	United Kingdom	902
	The Mainland	21	Spain	652
	France	12	Ireland	199
	USA	7	Uruguay	71
	Italy	0.03	Chile	55
			Romania	52
			Iceland	50
			Others	124
	Total		708	Total
2014	Australia	314	Australia	8 402
	New Zealand	218	New Zealand	5 301
	United Kingdom	68	United Kingdom	2 403
	France	11	The Mainland	1 473
	USA	7	Spain	292
	Spain	0.2	Ireland	255
			Chile	95
			Uruguay	62
			Brazil	54
			Argentina	34
			Others	103
Total		618	Total	18 474

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FHB(FE)243

(Question Serial No. 6273)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the quantity of cow's milk produced locally, and, of which, the quantity of raw milk supplied from local livestock farms, in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 622)

Reply:

All local milk factories manufacturing milk or milk beverage are subject to licensing by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). In 2014, there are seven licensed milk factories. The Department does not keep information on the quantity of cow's milk produced by the licensed milk factories. According to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, there is, in 2014, one local farm licensed under the Dairies Regulations (Cap. 139D) to maintain a dairy. This local dairy farm supplied 7 424 kg and 1 609 kg of raw milk in 2010 and 2011 respectively. It did not supply any raw milk from 2012 to 2014.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)244

(Question Serial No. 7063)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the estimated number of unlicensed hawkers in each of the past ten years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 712)

Reply:

The information sought is provided at Annex.

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Estimated number of unlicensed hawkers broken down by district in the past ten years

District	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Central/Western	206	205	201	198	182	161	165	158	148	148
Wan Chai	124	120	173	164	180	182	173	140	36	27
Eastern	204	201	187	179	163	140	125	128	131	130
Southern	110	107	103	83	60	58	39	28	44	41
Islands	33	34	37	32	33	34	30	29	20	15
Yau Tsim	300	299	232	257	267	263	259	243	136	213
Mong Kok	258	107	170	134	100	105	125	112	120	89
Sham Shui Po	161	121	116	168	323	249	286	279	248	281
Kowloon City	215	116	99	89	77	74	59	61	62	63
Wong Tai Sin	160	143	124	122	121	121	126	23	21	36
Kwun Tong	121	97	103	109	95	126	144	131	119	56
Kwai Tsing	109	106	108	91	97	92	91	87	75	69
Tsuen Wan	31	30	23	18	22	19	22	21	18	9
Tuen Mun	136	89	107	81	54	65	52	51	50	54
Yuen Long	132	109	102	100	51	25	32	33	27	40
Northern	81	85	77	81	73	70	77	79	78	79
Tai Po	85	45	41	12	5	6	27	22	20	33
Shatin	177	156	81	75	61	75	59	24	57	47
Sai Kung	12	14	16	14	15	11	13	24	13	10
Inside Housing Estates*	153	61	78	54	31	20	17	18	40	40
Total	2 808	2 245	2 178	2 061	2 010	1 896	1 921	1 691	1 463	1 480

*Note : Figures provided by Housing Department. No further breakdown is available.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)245

(Question Serial No. 6539)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed hawkers arrested by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 354)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed hawkers in each of the past five years is as follows -

Year	No. of arrests
2010	9 234
2011	9 101
2012	8 980
2013	8 953
2014	7 424

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FHB(FE)246

(Question Serial No. 6540)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed hawkers prosecuted by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 355)

Reply:

The number of prosecutions taken out against unlicensed hawkers in each of the past five years is as follows -

Year	No. of prosecutions
2010	29 321
2011	28 576
2012	27 457
2013	29 243
2014	26 025

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)247

(Question Serial No. 6541)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of complaints against illegal hawking received by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 356)

Reply:

Statistics showing the number of complaints against unlicensed hawking and obstruction are given below:

Year	No. of complaints
2010	12 477
2011	13 811
2012	14 167
2013	15 797
2014	16 468

A further breakdown which shows the number of the complaints against unlicensed hawking is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)248

(Question Serial No. 6542)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of food poisoning cases reported as a result of patronising unlicensed cooked food hawkers in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 357)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has over the years taken stringent enforcement actions against unlicensed hawking activities involving the sale of cooked food. In the past five years, the Department has not received any food poisoning cases reported as a result of patronising unlicensed cooked food hawkers.

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FHB(FE)249

(Question Serial No. 6543)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department has any plan(s) under its 2015-16 estimate to step up the sampling of imported live poultry and the testing of avian influenza; if yes, please also advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure, in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 361)

Reply:

Currently, every consignment of imported poultry is subject to a robust regime of inspection and testing for avian influenza (AI). To strengthen early warning against AI infection in imported live poultry, the Government has since April 2013 and January 2014 introduced respectively the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for H7 AI and the H7 serological tests on top of the then existing tests for H5 AI. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will keep in view the need to further step up the sampling of imported live poultry and the testing of AI in 2015-16, taking into account the prevailing AI risk and the latest scientific assessment.

In 2015-16, the estimated expenditure for inspection of imported live poultry is \$8.8 million. A total of 37 staff in FEHD are involved in this area of work.

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FHB(FE)250

(Question Serial No. 6544)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the imported food samples taken for testing of radiation level, please advise on the following:

- a. the number of samples taken for testing, the number of unsatisfactory samples, and the sources of origin of the unsatisfactory samples in each of the past three years; and
- b. whether the Department has any plan(s) under its 2015-16 estimate to step up the work on sampling and testing; if yes, the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure, in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 362)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level by the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) was 50 414, 56 382 and 61 459 respectively. No unsatisfactory sample was detected.

The estimated number of samples taken from imported Japanese food for examination of radiation level in 2015 is about 62 000. CFS will continue to adopt a risk-based approach in formulating strategies to monitor food imports from Japan, and will adjust the surveillance measures on Japanese food imports as necessary to ensure food safety and protect public health. In doing so, CFS will make reference to the test results of the Japanese authority and local surveillance, latest measures taken by other countries/places against food products imported from Japan, and recommendations made by international agencies including the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the issue.

In 2015-16, 14 civil servants and 21 non-civil service contract staff are designated for

carrying out radiation examination work for Japanese food imported via sea. The Airport Offices of CFS is responsible for carrying out radiation examination work for Japanese food imported by air. The staff of the Airport Offices are also tasked with other duties, and we do not keep separate breakdown on the manpower resources required to undertake radiation examination work.

The estimated expenditure on food import and export control by CFS in 2015-16 is \$145.2 million. We do not keep separate breakdown on the expenditure used for undertaking the radiation examination work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)251

(Question Serial No. 6545)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of complaints about obstruction by unlicensed hawkers received by the Department in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 358)

Reply:

Statistics showing the number of complaints against unlicensed hawking and obstruction are given below:

Year	No. of complaints
2010	12 477
2011	13 811
2012	14 167
2013	15 797
2014	16 468

A further breakdown which shows the number of complaints against obstruction is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)252

(Question Serial No. 6546)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will re-issue hawker licences in 2015-16; if yes, please also advise on the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 359)

Reply:

A five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme) was launched in June 2013 to provide one-off financial assistance to fixed-pitch hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation to improve fire safety, covering the materials and design of hawker stall structure and provision of fixed electrical installations, as well as subsidy for relocating stalls away from staircase discharge points of buildings or emergency vehicular access in hawker areas. An ex-gratia payment will be paid to hawkers who opt for voluntary surrender of their hawker licences to the Government. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is monitoring closely the implementation of the relocation plans under the Scheme, including whether there would be a large number of vacant pitches after completion of the relocation programme. The Scheme will end in 2018. While completion of the Scheme by then would be an opportune time to review whether we should issue new licences for on-street hawker pitches, the Department will keep in view the actual progress made in implementing the Scheme for the purpose of deciding when best we should conduct the review.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)253

(Question Serial No. 6547)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will designate new hawker areas at suitable locations in the territory in 2015-16; if yes, please also advise on the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 360)

Reply:

Since the activities of a hawker area often affect different stakeholders in the local community differently (depending on the location of the hawker area in question, its hours of operation and conditions, etc.), the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) sees considerable merits in having a bottom-up approach. A proposal hatched with the support of the local community would stand a much better chance of enjoying public acceptance, local participation and ownership, in addition to meeting local needs. The Department will keep in view and stands ready to facilitate such proposals.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)254

(Question Serial No. 6548)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will conduct studies on building new public markets at suitable locations in the territory in 2015-16; if yes, please also advise on the details and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 363)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) manages 101 public markets, including 76 public markets which mainly sell fresh provisions and other dry and wet goods, as well as 25 free-standing cooked food markets. The Link Real Estate Investment Trust and the Housing Authority each manages 90 and 20 market venues respectively. Other than these, there is a good number of private markets, supermarkets and fresh provision shops run by private operators. In addition to the some 2 600 stalls in public markets selling fresh provisions such as fish, meat and poultry, there are currently around 2 700 licensed fresh provision shops (including those in supermarkets) which offer choices to consumers.

According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, apart from the population of the area in question, the Government would take into consideration other relevant factors in planning for any new public markets. These include the demographic mix, community needs, the provision of public and private market facilities nearby, the number of fresh provision retail outlets in the vicinity, and the public sentiment towards the preservation of hawker areas. The Planning Department will consult the relevant policy bureaux and government departments, including FEHD, when preparing or reviewing town plans to ascertain whether there is a need to reserve land for public markets.

FEHD has no plan in 2015-16 to conduct studies on building new public market in the territory.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)255

(Question Serial No. 6549)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2014-15 is 2.4% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure. Please also advise on the details.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 364)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2014-15 of \$995.7 million in this programme is 2.4% higher than the original estimate mainly due to salary increment and the increased operating expenses for pest control services. There is no change in the number of posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)256

(Question Serial No. 6550)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2015-16 is 1.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 365)

Reply:

The estimate for 2015-16 of \$1,010.9 million in this programme is 1.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly due to filling of vacancies, creation of new posts and increased operating expenses for food safety and public health services. There will be an increase of three posts.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)257

(Question Serial No. 6551)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the seminars/workshops on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point, please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure in this respect.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 366)

Reply:

The Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system is internationally acknowledged as an effective tool for enhancing food safety and reducing the risk of food poisoning. In 2015, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) plans to organize 33 seminars to promote HACCP. During the seminars, practice guidelines, bulletins and leaflets will be distributed to the food trade and the general public. Promotion of HACCP is part and parcel of the overall education and promotion programmes on food safety. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)258

(Question Serial No. 6552)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the public consultation on regulation of nutrition claims and health claims for formula products and prepackaged food for infants and young children under the age of 36 months, please advise on the details, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 367)

Reply:

The Government launched a public consultation on “Proposed Regulatory Framework on Nutrition and Health Claims on Infant Formula, Follow-up Formula, and Prepackaged Foods for Infants and Young Children under the Age of 36 Months in Hong Kong” on 6 January 2015, proposing a regulatory framework to enhance the regulation of nutrition and health claims on formula products and prepackaged foods for infants and young children through legislation, with a view to better protecting the health of infants and young children under the age of 36 months. The consultation period will last for more than three months until 17 April 2015. We consulted the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene of the Legislative Council on 10 February 2015 and noted deputations’ views at the meeting. The Centre for Food Safety also organised a series of consultation activities, including two public forums in January and March as well as consultation sessions with the trade, healthcare professionals, pro-breastfeeding groups, consumer groups and Consulates General. The expenditure and manpower required for the public consultation activities are absorbed from within the existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)259

(Question Serial No. 6553)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2014-15 is 2.9% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure. Please also provide the details.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 368)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2014-15 of \$3,084.9 million in this programme is 2.9% higher than the original estimate mainly due to salary increment and the increased operating and capital expenses for environmental hygiene and related services. There is no change in the number of posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)260

(Question Serial No. 6554)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2015-16 is 3.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure. Please also provide the details.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 369)

Reply:

The estimate for 2015-16 of \$3,191.5 million in this programme is 3.5% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly due to filling of vacancies, increased operating expenses and increased capital expenses for the replacement of five gully cesspit emptiers, six conservancy collectors and 34 street washing vehicles. There will be a net decrease of 39 posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)261

(Question Serial No. 6555)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the details of plans and projects that the Department will continue to take forward for the provision of more crematorium and columbarium facilities, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 370)

Reply:

On public crematorium facilities, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) is upgrading the cremators by phases to increase their handling capacity. This includes the reprovisioning of the Cape Collinson Crematorium to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities in two phases, at an estimated cost of \$696.3 million. The first phase of the reprovisioning providing four new cremators was completed in early 2013 while the second phase providing six new cremators is expected to complete in late 2015.

On public columbarium facilities, the Government has completed the construction of Wo Hop Shek Kiu Tau Road Columbarium (Phase V) in 2012-13, providing 43 710 niches. The Government has also been promoting further development of columbaria in all districts, and identified 24 potential sites in the territory for columbarium development to increase the supply of public niches. Of these 24 sites, construction of 1 540 new niches in the Diamond Hill Columbarium at a cost of about \$0.51 million was completed in early 2012, while construction of 1 000 niches in Cheung Chau Cemetery at an estimated cost of about \$2.7 million was completed in December 2013.

The Department has already consulted and obtained the in-principle support of the relevant District Councils on the construction of 20 000 niches at Tsing Tsuen Road, 200 000 niches at Sandy Ridge Cemetery, 25 000 niches at Chai Wan and 44 000 niches at Wo Hop Shek (Phase I). The next step is to proceed with the conceptual/detailed design, as applicable, of

the relevant projects, e.g. for site formation and associated infrastructural works for the Sandy Ridge Cemetery project and for the columbaria at Chai Wan and Wo Hop Shek (Phase I) project. In addition, the Department has obtained green light from the Tuen Mun District Council for us to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (FC) for the construction of 160 000 niches at Tsang Tsui, at estimated cost of \$2.88 billion. Subject to the approval of FC, construction works in Tsang Tsui are scheduled for completion in 2018. As regards the other sites identified for columbarium development, the Department has largely completed the necessary Engineering Feasibility Studies and Traffic Impact Assessments and will consult the relevant District Councils before the proposed columbarium development is taken forward. The estimated cost for developing relevant new columbarium facilities can only be ascertained upon finalisation of design details.

There is no separate breakdown on the manpower resources involved in taking forward the above plans and projects.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)262

(Question Serial No. 6556)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Government has any plan to build a public market / a municipal services building at Belvedere Garden in Tsuen Wan; if yes, please also advise on the details and the location; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 371)

Reply:

Belvedere Garden is now served by one market, four supermarkets, two shopping malls and eight fresh provision shops. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has no plan to build a public market or a municipal services building there.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)263

(Question Serial No. 6557)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the revised estimate for 2014-15 is 1% higher than the year's original estimate, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase involved manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 372)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2014-15 of \$1,688.3 million in this programme is 1% higher than the original estimate mainly due to salary increment and the increased capital expenses for market management and hawker control. There is no change in the number of posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)264

(Question Serial No. 6558)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the estimate for 2015-16 is 0.3% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15, please advise on the reason(s) and whether the increase will involve manpower and expenditure.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 373)

Reply:

The estimate for 2015-16 of \$1,693.4 million in this programme is 0.3% higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15 mainly due to the increased expenses for enhancing enforcement against shop front extensions, partly offset by decreased capital expenditure for market management. There will be an increase of 39 posts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)265

(Question Serial No. 6559)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Government has any plan to build a public market / a municipal services building at Yat Tung Estate in Tung Chung; if yes, please also advise on the details and the location; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 374)

Reply:

Tung Chung is now served by two markets, five supermarkets, four shopping malls and more than 30 fresh provision shops. At present, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has no plan to build any public market or municipal services building at Yat Tung Estate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)266

(Question Serial No. 3426)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

There was a significant increase in the number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2014 as compared to that in 2013. In this connection, please advise on the reason(s) for the increase. Given that there will be a slight increase in the estimated number in 2015, please also advise whether the Department has sufficient manpower to cope with the work; if not, whether additional resources and manpower will be allocated for conducting the inspections. If additional resources and manpower will be provided, please give the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The actual number of vehicles carrying vegetables inspected at Man Kam To Food Control Office in 2014 represents a normal increase of around 6% from the number in 2013. We will absorb the additional manpower and expenditure required to undertake the increased inspection in 2015 from within existing resources.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)267

(Question Serial No. 3427)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the reason(s) for the significant increase in the number of mosquito breeding places eliminated for two successive years. Please also advise whether sufficient resources have been earmarked with relevant measures drawn up, including the deployment of manpower and allocation of resources, to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases; if yes, please give details of the work, the manpower and the estimated expenditure in this respect; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEE Kok-long, Joseph (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

In 2013 and 2014, 46 199 and 49 425 mosquito breeding places were eliminated respectively. The increase in 2014 was attributable to the enhanced mosquito prevention and control measures taken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) in public places in response to the three confirmed local cases of Japanese encephalitis in mid-2014 and three confirmed local cases of dengue fever recorded in the last quarter of 2014. In addition to about 700 departmental staff responsible for pest control (including mosquito control), the Department engages private contractors to provide pest control services in the territory through roving teams. In the wet season from April to October every year, 274 roving teams (with a workforce of about 1 640) are deployed to reinforce the mosquito control work during that period, as compared to 223 roving teams (with a workforce of about 1 330) for the rest of the year. In the light of the three local cases of dengue fever which occurred in October and November 2014, the Department deployed additional roving teams to sustain the efforts in mosquito control throughout the winter months from December 2014 to March 2015. The revised estimated expenditure in 2014-15 and estimated expenditure in 2015-16 on pest control services as a whole is \$500 million and \$507 million respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)268

(Question Serial No. 5648)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of existing crematoria and cremators.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 328)

Reply:

There are six crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. The number of cremators in each crematorium is as follows –

Name of Crematorium	Number of Cremators
Cape Collinson ^{Note}	4
Diamond Hill	6
Fu Shan	4
Kwai Chung	4
Cheung Chau	2
Wo Hop Shek	7
Total:	27

Note : The Cape Collinson Crematorium is being reprovisioned by phases to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities. The first phase providing four new cremators was completed in early 2013 while the second phase providing six new cremators is expected to be completed in late 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)269

(Question Serial No. 5649)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the utilisation rates of the crematoria and cremators in the past three years. Please also advise whether additional crematoria and cremators will be provided in the next three years in view of the aging population; if yes, please advise on the number of additional facilities to be provided; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 329)

Reply:

The number of cremation sessions released, cremation sessions booked and the percentage of cremation sessions booked in public crematoria managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the past three years (2012 to 2014) is as follows –

Name of crematorium	2012			2013			2014		
	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked	No. of cremation sessions released	No. of cremation sessions booked	Percentage of cremation sessions booked
Cape Collinson	14 308	13 496	94.3%	7 992	7 844	98.1%	7 798	7 789	99.9%
Diamond Hill	8 839	8 807	99.6%	8 499	8 439	99.3%	8 480	8 466	99.8%
Fu Shan	7 901	7 879	99.7%	6 948	6 800	97.9%	6 897	6 885	99.8%
Kwai Chung	9 202	9 152	99.5%	8 265	8 250	99.8%	7 331	7 325	99.9%
Cheung Chau	2 067	160	7.7%	1 728	164	9.5%	1 321	168	12.7%
Wo Hop Shek ^{Note}	0	0	0	7 539	7 417	98.4%	10 635	10 611	99.8%
Total:	42 317	39 494	93.3%	40 971	38 914	95.0%	42 462	41 244	97.1%

Note : Closed in June 2009 for reprovisioning and reopened in February 2013

The Cape Collinson Crematorium is being reprovisioned by phases to provide ten new cremators and ancillary facilities. The first phase providing four new cremators was completed in early 2013 while the second phase providing six new cremators is expected to be completed in late 2015. On completion, the overall cremation capacity will be increased from 44 600 to 52 800 sessions per annum, which is expected to meet the projected demand up to 2025.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)270

(Question Serial No. 5650)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the usage rate of the burial spaces in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 330)

Reply:

The information sought is as follows –

(a) The usage rates of the coffin burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three years (2012 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2012			2013			2014		
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Wo Hop Shek	5 873	9 358	62.8%	5 772	9 469	61.0%	5 520	9 469	58.3%
Sandy Ridge	3 183	5 010	63.5%	2 880	5 010	57.5%	2 555	5 010	51.0%
Cheung Chau	627	1 260	49.8%	616	1 260	48.9%	609	1 260	48.3%
Tai O	104	420	24.8%	109	420	26.0%	106	420	25.2%
Lai Chi Yuen	153	276	55.4%	146	276	52.9%	137	276	49.6%
Total:	9 940	16 324	60.9%	9 523	16 435	57.9%	8 927	16 435	54.3%

Legend : (i) No. of allocated coffin burial spaces
(ii) Total no. of coffin burial spaces
(iii) Percentage of coffin burial spaces allocated

(b) The usage rates of the urn burial spaces at each public cemetery in the past three years (2012 to 2014) were as follows –

Name of Cemetery	2012			2013			2014		
	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
Wo Hop Shek	83 240	113 216	73.5%	82 598	112 872	73.2%	82 477	112 918	73.0%
Sandy Ridge	31 785	37 861	84.0%	31 877	37 831	84.3%	31 889	37 780	84.4%
Cheung Chau	12 104	13 462	89.9%	12 150	13 462	90.3%	12 122	13 462	90.0%
Tai O	97	274	35.4%	99	274	36.1%	103	274	37.6%
Lai Chi Yuen	215	332	64.8%	216	332	65.1%	228	332	68.7%
Diamond Hill Urn Cemetery (declared closed since 1961)	52 765	52 765	100%	52 707	52 707	100%	52 670	52 670	100%
Total:	180 206	217 910	82.7%	179 647	217 478	82.6%	179 489	217 436	82.5%

Legend : (iv) No. of allocated urn burial spaces
(v) Total no. of urn burial spaces
(vi) Percentage of urn burial spaces allocated

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)271

(Question Serial No. 5652)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were over 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 332)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed non-cooked food hawkers in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 8 820, 8 858 and 7 340 respectively. Information about the age profile of the offenders is not readily available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)272

(Question Serial No. 5653)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were over 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 333)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed cooked food hawkers in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 160, 95 and 84 respectively. Information about the age profile of the offenders is not readily available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)273

(Question Serial No. 5654)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (non-cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were under 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 334)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed non-cooked food hawkers in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 8 820, 8 858 and 7 340 respectively. Information about the age profile of the offenders is not readily available.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)274

(Question Serial No. 5655)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of unlicensed (cooked food) hawkers arrested in the past three years who were under 60 years of age.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 335)

Reply:

The number of arrests taken out against unlicensed cooked food hawkers in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 160, 95 and 84 respectively. Information about the age profile of the offenders is not readily available.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)275

(Question Serial No. 5656)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise whether the Department will, in response to public opinions, re-issue itinerant hawker licences in the coming year; if yes, when; if not, why.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 336)

Reply:

Itinerant hawkers usually gather at prime locations when in operation. They impede pedestrian and/or vehicular flow with their trolleys and goods and bring about environmental hygiene and general nuisance concerns. The Government has no plan to issue any itinerant hawker licence in the coming year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)276

(Question Serial No. 4117)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

According to the Department's estimate, the sludge to be collected by gully emptiers in 2015 is 3 400 tonnes, representing a substantial decrease in volume when compared with the figure of 5 607 tonnes in 2014. Please advise in detail the basis on which such an estimate is made.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 80)

Reply:

The estimated volume of sludge collected by gully emptiers in 2015 is, by weight, 40% less than that collected in 2014. This is mainly attributable to the fact that since July 2014, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has, upon the advice of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD), stepped up actions to drain away the water content of collected sludge thoroughly before delivering it to EPD's disposal site.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)277

(Question Serial No. 3369)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the suspension/cancellation of food business licences as a punishment imposed on licensed food premises, there was a decrease in the number of licences suspended/cancelled in 2014 as compared to that in 2013. A further decrease is expected in 2015 despite the fact that the number of restaurants in Hong Kong has been increasing. As such, please advise on the following:

1. the reason(s) attributable to the continuous decrease in the number of food business licences suspended/cancelled;
2. among the cases leading to the suspension/cancellation of food business licences, the respective number of cases that were detected by the Department upon inspections and that reported by the public in each of the past three years; and
3. whether there are statistics on the medical treatment sought or complaints lodged by the public resulting from the consumption of unwholesome food when dining out in the past three years; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

1. Suspension and cancellation of food business licences are administrative sanctions imposed on food businesses by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department). A food business licence will be suspended and ultimately cancelled if sufficient demerit points resulting from breach of legislative provisions under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) are accumulated within 12 months. A licence will also be cancelled if warning letters are accumulated within a period of six months resulting from repeated breaches of licensing requirements or conditions imposed on the licence. Food business licences suspended and cancelled

in 2013 and 2014 were mainly related to illegal extension of business area by licensed food premises.

In recent years, the Department has adopted a multi-pronged approach and implemented targeted measures to strengthen its enforcement action including seeking from the Court closure orders against illegal extension of business area by licensed food premises. The reason for the decrease in the number of suspension and cancellation of food business licences in 2014 was mainly attributable to the enhanced licensing control measures and enforcement action implemented since 2013. As a result of the enhanced control measures, the illegal extension of food business has receded significantly resulting in a reduction in the number of prosecution and in turn the number of suspension and cancellation of food business licences in 2014.

2. The number of suspension and cancellation of food business licences in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was 237, 242, 209 and 45, 70, 23 respectively. There is no separate breakdown on the number of cases that were detected by the Department upon inspections and that reported by the public.
3. The information sought is tabulated as follows:-

	2012	2013	2014
(a) Number of food complaint cases received ^{Note}	2 004	1 732	1 589
(b) Number of food poisoning cases related to food premises /food business	341	285	216

Note : Nature of complaint includes unwholesome food, presence of foreign substances in food, deteriorated food, mouldy food, chemicals in food and undercooked food.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)278

(Question Serial No. 3370)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

With regard to the samples taken from food animals for testing of veterinary drug residues, please advise:

1. whether the testing is confined to fresh food animals or also applied to frozen and chilled meats; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s); and
2. whether source tracing and subsequent special control measures will be employed if veterinary drug residues are detected in food animals; if yes, the details; if not, the reason(s).

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

1. Samples for testing of veterinary drug residues are taken from live food animals as well as fresh/chilled/frozen food animal products. Samples from live food animals and fresh meat are taken at slaughterhouses while samples from fresh/chilled/frozen food animal products are taken at the import, wholesale and retail levels.
2. The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) will inform the concerned competent authority and/or relevant government of the concerned country of origin if an unsatisfactory sample is found. Sampling for veterinary drug residues will be conducted for each of the future consignments from the concerned farms until CFS is satisfied that the cause of the contamination is rectified.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)279

(Question Serial No. 3415)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the engagement of “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (the latest position)
Number of outsourced service contracts	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()
Length of service contract for each outsourced service provider	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()
Positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 - \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of outsourced workers	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 - 15 years	()
• 5 - 10 years	()
• 3 - 5 years	()
• 1 - 3 years	()
• less than 1 year	()

Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	()
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	()
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal breaks	()
Number of outsourced workers without paid meal breaks	()
Number of outsourced workers working 5 days a week	()
Number of outsourced workers working 6 days a week	()

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

	2014-15 (as at 31.12.2014)
Number of outsourced service contracts	148 ($\pm 0\%$)
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	\$1,771.7 million (estimate) ^{Note1} (+7.9%)
Length of service contract for each outsourced service provider	Please see Table below
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	11 869 (-2.1%)
Positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleansing, information technology, etc.)	Outsourced workers provide various types of services including cleansing, public toilet

	management, pest control, security, etc.
<p>Monthly salary range of outsourced workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$6,240 - \$6,500 • below \$6,240 	<p>0 ($\pm 0\%$)</p> <p>2 ($\pm 0\%$)</p> <p>3 371 (+7.5%)</p> <p>8 496 (-5.4%)</p> <p>0 ($\pm 0\%$)</p> <p>0 ($\pm 0\%$)</p>
<p>Length of service of outsourced workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 15 years • 10 - 15 years • 5 - 10 years • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	<p>Note 2</p>
<p>Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the Department</p>	<p>The ratio of the number of contractor staff to the number of staff of the Department</p> <p>103.9% (-2.0 percentage points)</p>
<p>Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost</p>	<p>The ratio of amount paid to outsourced service providers to the amount of departmental staff cost</p> <p>56.9% (+1.1 percentage points)</p>
<p>Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities</p>	<p>Note 3</p>
<p>Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid</p>	<p>Note 3</p>
<p>Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF</p>	<p>Note 3</p>

Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	Note 3
Number of outsourced workers with paid meal breaks Number of outsourced workers without paid meal breaks	Note 3
Number of outsourced workers working 5 days a week Number of outsourced workers working 6 days a week	Note 3

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

Table: Length of service contracts

	2014-15 (No. as at 31.12.2014)	2013-14 (No. as at 31.12.2013)
Below 1 year	1	2
1 year	0	1
2 years	127	125
3 years	2	2
5 years	18	18
Total no. of contracts:	148	148

Note 1: Estimate for the whole financial year.

Note 2: The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not keep information on the length of service of outsourced workers. As long as the contract requirements are complied with, the contractor may arrange any qualified staff to provide the services.

Note 3: The Department does not keep information on the items being sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)280

(Question Serial No. 4193)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the engagement of “agency workers”, please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (the latest position)
Number of contracts engaging employment agencies (EAs)	()
Contract sum paid to each EA	()
Length of service contract for each EA	()
Number of agency workers	()
Positions held by agency workers	
Monthly salary range of agency workers	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 - \$ 6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of agency workers	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 - 15 years	()
• 5 - 10 years	()
• 3 - 5 years	()
• 1 - 3 years	()
• less than 1 year	()

Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of amount paid to EAs in the total departmental staff cost	()
Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	()
Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of workers with paid meal breaks	()
Number of workers without paid meal breaks	()
Number of workers working 5 days a week	()
Number of workers working 6 days a week	()

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 61)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows,

	2014-15 (as at 30.9.2014)
Number of contracts engaging employment agencies (EAs)	6 (±0%)
Contract sum paid to each EA	\$74,000 to \$291,000
Length of service contract for each EA	8 to 9 months
Number of agency workers	8 (-38%)
Positions held by agency workers	Agency workers mainly undertake general office support duties.

<p>Monthly salary range of agency workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$6,240 - \$ 6,500 • below \$6,240 	Note 1
<p>Length of service of agency workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 15 years • 10 - 15 years • 5 - 10 years • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	Note 2
<p>Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the Department (Note 3)</p>	0.07% (-0.03 percentage point)
<p>Percentage of amount paid to EAs in the total departmental staff cost</p>	0.1% (+0.01 percentage point)
<p>Number of workers who received severance payments / long service payments/ contract gratuities</p>	Note 1
<p>Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid</p>	
<p>Number of workers with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF</p>	
<p>Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF</p>	
<p>Number of workers with paid meal breaks</p>	Note 4
<p>Number of workers without paid meal breaks</p>	
<p>Number of workers working 5 days a week</p>	8 (+60%)
<p>Number of workers working 6 days a week</p>	0 (-100%)

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

The above excludes the procurement of services from contract staff providing information technology service under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer.

Note 1: The wage levels, terms of employment and contractual terms are agreed upon between the agency workers and their employment agencies when they enter into employment contracts. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) does not have such information. Nevertheless, there are provisions in the contracts between the Department and the employment agencies requiring the latter to comply with Hong Kong laws in force during the contract period, including the Employment Ordinance and the Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Note 2: The Department does not keep information on the years of service of agency workers. As long as the contract requirements are complied with, the employment agencies may arrange any qualified staff to provide the services.

Note 3: The comparison is made with the figure as at 30.9.2013. It is not representative of the situation for the financial year concerned.

Note 4: The Department does not keep information on the number of agency workers with/without paid meal break.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)281

(Question Serial No. 4194)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the employment of “non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff”, please provide the following information:

	2014-15 (the latest position)
Number of NCSC staff	()
Positions held by NCSC staff	
Expenditure on salaries for NCSC staff	()
Monthly salary range of NCSC staff	
• \$30,001 or above	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()
• \$6,240 - \$6,500	()
• below \$6,240	()
Length of service of NCSC staff	
• over 15 years	()
• 10 - 15 years	()
• 5 - 10 years	()
• 3 - 5 years	()
• 1 - 3 years	()
• less than 1 year	()
Number of NCSC staff converted to civil servants	()

Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	()
Percentage of NCSC staff cost in the total departmental staff cost	()
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	()
Number of NCSC staff with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	()
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	()
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows,

	2014-15 (as at 31.12.2014)
Number of NCSC staff	231 (-17%)
Positions held by NCSC staff	NCSC staff mainly undertake market management duties, handle water seepage complaints and provide support services in cemeteries and offices.
Expenditure on salaries for NCSC staff	\$47.1 million (-6%)

<p>Monthly salary range of NCSC staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,001 or above • \$16,001 - \$30,000 • \$8,001 - \$16,000 • \$6,501 - \$8,000 • \$6,240 - \$6,500 • below \$6,240 	<p style="text-align: center;">7 (-13%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">124 (+68%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">100 (-49%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0 (±0%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0 (±0%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0 (±0%)</p>
<p>Length of service of NCSC staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 15 years • 10 - 15 years • 5 - 10 years • 3 - 5 years • 1 - 3 years • less than 1 year 	<p style="text-align: center;">0 (±0%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">37 (+61%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">43 (-31%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">62 (+63%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">53 (-42%)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">36 (-45%)</p>
Number of NCSC staff converted to civil servants	Note 1
Percentage of NCSC staff in the total number of staff in the Department	2% (±0 percentage point)
Percentage of NCSC staff cost in the total departmental staff cost	2% (±0 percentage point)
Number of NCSC staff who received severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities	127 (-34%)

Amount of severance payments / long service payments / contract gratuities paid	\$2.2 million (-37%)
Number of NCSC staff with severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	4 (±0%)
Amount of severance payments / long service payments offset by or contract gratuities calculated from the accrued benefits attributable to the employer's contributions to MPF	\$311,000 (+74%)
Number of NCSC staff with paid meal breaks	24 (-11%)
Number of NCSC staff without paid meal breaks	207 (-18%)
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	114 (-21%)
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	117 (-13%)

Figures in () denote percentage of change as compared with the same period in 2013-14

Note 1: Relevant information is not available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)282

(Question Serial No. 3696)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Given that the Department employs over 40 000 poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks and conducts over 50 000 trappings each year, please advise on the number of additional bait and trap locations in 2014. Please also advise on the frequency of conducting a review of bait and trap locations by the Department?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 72)

Reply:

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department has been adopting a comprehensive approach in its rodent prevention and control work. This includes conducting rodent infestation surveys to trace the signs left by rodent activities, and taking a variety of measures including poisoning and trapping of rodents and destroying rat holes in related rear lanes, strengthening street cleansing, encouraging active participation of the public in anti-rodent work, and strengthening publicity and education programmes in rodent prevention and control. An appropriate number of poison baiting points or traps will be set at appropriate surveyed locations according to the results of the surveys. In 2013 and 2014, the number of poison treatments of rodent infestation in building blocks was 46 196 and 46 093 respectively and the number of trappings was 53 236 and 52 601 respectively.

Inspections would be conducted to each poison baiting point and trapping point at least once weekly and once daily respectively to review the effectiveness of the baiting and trapping work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)283

(Question Serial No. 3697)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Food Safety and Public Health

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

What was the number of locations with ovitraps set by the Department last year? How many of them were newly selected locations?

Does the Department primarily use the ovitrap indices and the number of residents' complaints as the criteria for assessing mosquito problems?

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 73)

Reply:

Ovitraps are set in areas with high human concentrations such as clusters of residential areas, schools and hospitals as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) for monitoring the breeding of *Aedes albopictus*, the disease vector of dengue fever. In 2014, while ovitraps were set in the same 44 areas in the community and six groups of port areas as in 2013, one of the areas had been extended to cover the North Lantau Hospital and one of the port groups had been extended to cover the extended portion of the Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal at the Hong Kong International Airport.

Apart from making reference to the relevant ovitrap index for *Aedes albopictus* and the number of public complaints, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department takes into account other factors such as reports from frontline staff and the views of the relevant District Councils and the local community when planning and implementing mosquito control work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)284

(Question Serial No. 3698)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of offence cases handled by the Hawker Control Teams (HCTs), the number of summonses issued, the amount of fines imposed, and the number of goods and hawking paraphernalia seized in the past three years.

Please also advise on the number of HCT staff in the current year and, among them, the number of staff responsible for front-line enforcement work.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 74)

Reply:

The number of complaint cases handled by the Hawker Control Teams (HCTs), the number of prosecutions and the total amount of fines imposed in the past three calendar years are provided at Annex. Information on the volume of goods and hawking paraphernalia seized is not readily available.

As at 1 January 2015, the number of the HCT staff stands at 2 075. Of them, 2 022 are responsible for front-line enforcement work.

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**Statistics on complaint cases,
prosecutions and fines in the past 3 years**

	2012	2013	2014
Number of complaint cases handled	27 546	30 530	30 203
Number of prosecutions	33 545	34 041	31 208
Total amount of fines imposed	\$16,994,149	\$16,125,644	\$16,399,950

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)285

(Question Serial No. 3699)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please provide information on the public markets which have been identified for environmental improvement works in the coming year and the details of the works.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

In addition to regular maintenance and daily management of markets, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will carry out improvement works in five markets, namely, Kwun Chung Market, Haiphong Road Temporary Market, Smithfield Market, Pei Ho Street Market and Tai Wai Market in 2015-16. The estimated cost of these improvement works is \$58.6 million. The works may include installation of a goods lift, improvement of ventilation, lighting systems and fire services, refurbishment of toilets, and refurbishment of a cooked food centre.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)286

(Question Serial No. 3700)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the performance indicator and statistics pertaining to the assistance scheme for hawker licensees last year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

The five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), which commenced on 3 June 2013, aims to provide one-off financial assistance to 4 335 hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation in order to improve fire safety. Besides, an ex-gratia payment ("EGP") is offered under the Scheme for voluntary surrender of hawker licences to the Government.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has not set any annual performance indicator for the Scheme. Since the launch of the Scheme and up to 28 February 2015, of the 4 335 hawkers who are eligible to apply for a grant or ex-gratia allowance under the Scheme, 1 459 have submitted their applications. It is open to the remaining 2 876 hawkers to put in their applications any time before expiry of the Scheme in June 2018.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)287

(Question Serial No. 4301)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Market Management and Hawker Control

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Department provides assistance to hawkers in fixed-pitch hawker areas in order to improve the fire safety and operating environment of the areas. In this connection, please advise on the actual expenditure involved and the number of licensed hawkers benefitted last year, as well as the target for the current year.

Asked by: Hon WONG Yuk-man (Member Question No. 86)

Reply:

The five-year Assistance Scheme for Hawkers in Fixed-pitch Hawker Areas (the Scheme), which commenced on 3 June 2013, aims to provide one-off financial assistance to 4 335 hawkers in 43 hawker areas for stall reconstruction and relocation in order to improve fire safety. Besides, an ex-gratia payment (EGP) is offered under the Scheme for voluntary surrender of hawker licences to the Government.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) has, since promulgation of the Scheme in June 2013, received 1 459 applications for financial aid or EGP. As at 31 March 2014, 282 applications have been approved, which involves an actual expenditure of \$33.5 million. In the current financial year up to 28 February 2015, 407 applications have been approved, which involves an actual expenditure of \$23.5 million. We are committed to completing the rest of the applications as soon as practicable. The Department has not set any annual performance indicator for the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)288

(Question Serial No. 4799)

Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Regarding the collection of household waste and management of public cleansing facilities under this programme, please advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) the annual expenditure on outsourcing the collection service for three-colour waste separation bins (three-colour bins) managed by the Department, the information on individual contractors hired and the respective number of three-colour bins they handled in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively;
- 2) the whereabouts of the materials collected by the contractors, the quantities of materials (in kilograms) eventually recycled with a breakdown by type (i.e. paper, metals and plastics) and the quantities of materials (in kilograms) ended up being disposed of in landfills in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively; and
- 3) the expenditure involved and to be involved in outsourcing the collection service for three-colour bins managed by the Department in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 105)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- 1) The previous two-year contract on the provision of collection service for recyclables, awarded to On Kee Metal Company, expired on 31 July 2014. The current two-year contract for the same service, awarded to Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited with a total contract value of about \$21.6 million, commenced on 1 August 2014. The contractor is required to provide collection service for some 2 850 sets of three-colour bins collecting waste paper, metal and plastics. These bins are placed in

public places including streets, refuse collection points, public markets, bus termini, schools and venues managed by other government departments.

- 2) The quantity of recyclables collected by the contractor in 2013 and 2014 is given below -

Calendar Year	Paper (kilograms)	Metal (kilograms)	Plastic materials (kilograms)
2013	519 000	17 000	175 000
2014	508 000	26 000	348 000

Under the contract, the contractor should not dispose of the collected recyclables in any landfills or any other waste disposal facilities without the prior written consent of the Government. Under the previous contracts, the contractor was required to deliver all recyclables collected to recyclers approved by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department), whose names must appear on the list of recyclers published on the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s website. Under the current contract, the Department has introduced the following new tender terms for the purpose of improving the monitoring and control of the contractor's performance –

- (a) the contractor is required to use transparent plastic bags for collection of recyclables, and the bags should be printed with the words “used for collecting recyclable materials”; whereas notices showing “FEHD contractor providing collection service for recyclable materials” should be displayed on both sides of the body of its collection vehicles;
 - (b) the contractor is required to nominate up to two local recyclers to receive and recycle plastic recyclables when submitting their bids for the contracts. Each recycler nominated shall have independent capability and experience to properly process plastic recyclables at a designated recycling site. EPD will visit the designated recycling sites to check if the nominated recyclers meet the minimum requirements; and
 - (c) the Department may direct the contractor to change its recyclers if their performance is not satisfactory.
- 3) The expenditure involved in outsourcing the collection service for recyclables in 2014-15 is estimated to be \$8.8 million. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 is \$10.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)289

(Question Serial No. 3863)

Head: (31) Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Clement CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

In the past 3 years, how many Mainlanders and Hong Kong residents were prosecuted for export of powdered formula exceeding 1.8 kg in net weight at land boundary control points in contravention of the Import and Export (General) Regulation (the Regulation)? Please list out the control points involved, number of persons arrested, number of persons convicted and amount of penalties in the convicted cases respectively. Among the convicted persons, how many were in default of fine payment and what was the amount of fines involved? How would the Administration handle the persons in default of fine payment?

Please list out the number of persons currently blacklisted and denied entry into Hong Kong for repeated contravention of the Regulation in respect of export of powdered formula exceeding 1.8 kg in net weight since its amendment. How many persons repeatedly contravene the Regulation even after being prosecuted for more than 1 time?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 209)

Reply:

(a) Since the implementation of export control on powdered formula by the Government of the Special Administrative Region on 1 March 2013 and up to 28 February 2015, a total of 10 076 persons were arrested by the Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) at boundary control points for contravention of the export control regulation. The distribution of cases is as follows:

Border Control Points	Hong Kong Residents	Mainland Visitors	Other Nationalities
Lo Wu	2 365	3 605	16
Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	1 293	1 955	6
Lok Ma Chau	91	24	1
Shenzhen Bay	194	394	2
Sha Tau Kok	14	14	0
Man Kam To	19	75	1
Hong Kong -Macau Ferry Terminal	3	1	1
Hung Hom	1	0	1
Total	3 980	6 068	28

Among the persons involved, 8 815 have been convicted by court and imposed with fines ranging from \$200 to \$27,000 and/or imprisonment from 1 day to 140 days. The Judiciary has not kept the breakdown figures relating to default of fine payment. A magistrate may issue a summons or a warrant of arrest to any person who fails to pay a fine.

(b) Among the aforesaid arrested persons, 492 are repeated offenders. The court normally imposes higher penalty on them, and C&ED would pass the information of the convicted Mainland visitors to the Immigration Department for inclusion into the watch list.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)290

(Question Serial No. 7083)

Head: (31) Customs and Excise Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Clement CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) is the primary agency responsible for the suppression of smuggling activities. It also monitors both the import and export of goods and the licensing of the movement of prohibited and prescribed articles as stipulated in the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60), and detects contraband, controlled items and other violations of the law. Would the Administration inform this Committee:

- (1) In the past 3 years, how many persons were prosecuted for exporting powdered formula exceeding the specified quantity from Hong Kong? What are the numbers of prosecution, amounts of fine and terms of imprisonment imposed broken down by age group of the persons involved, and the respective numbers of persons of Mainland China, Hong Kong and other nationalities among them?
- (2) In the past 3 years, how many Mainlanders prosecuted for exporting powdered formula exceeding the specified quantity from Hong Kong were added to the watch list by the Hong Kong authority for default of fine payment? What is the amount of fine in default arising from these cases in the past 3 years?
- (3) What are the manpower deployed and the amount of expenditure involved for C&ED to deal with persons exporting powdered formula exceeding the specified quantity from Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 129)

Reply:

- (1) Since the implementation of export control on powdered formula by the Government of the Special Administrative Region on 1 March 2013 and up to 28 February 2015, a total of 8 839 persons were convicted by court for contravention of the export control

regulation, of whom 3 466 were Hong Kong citizens, 5 348 were Mainlanders and 25 were of other nationalities. Among them, 135 persons were aged below 20, 6 371 persons aged between 20 and 50, and 2 333 persons aged above 50. They were imposed with fines ranging from \$200 to \$150,000 and/or imprisonment from 1 day to 140 days.

- (2) The Judiciary has not kept the breakdown figures relating to default of fine payment, nor has C&ED drawn up any special list in this respect.
- (3) In 2015-16, C&ED will deploy 218 civil servants and non-civil service contract staff to assist in the enforcement of the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013 at control points, involving an expenditure of \$72.15 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)291

(Question Serial No.: 4726)

Head: (31) Customs and Excise Department

Subhead: (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Customs and Excise (Clement CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Would the Administration inform this Committee of:

The following figures in 2014-15 in table form:

	Total number of cases	Number of cases involving Mainlanders	Number of cases involving Hong Kong residents
Persons arrested for contravening the provisions on export of milk powder under the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013			
Persons arrested for contravening the provisions on export of milk powder under the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013			
Persons convicted of contravening the provisions on export of milk powder under the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013			

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No.: 118)

Reply:

Details of cases involving illegal export of powdered formula detected by the Customs and Excise Department between 1 April 2014 and 28 February 2015 are as follows:

	Total number of cases	Number of cases involving Hong Kong residents	Number of cases involving Mainlanders	Number of cases involving both Hong Kong residents and Mainlanders	Number of cases involving persons of other nationalities
Persons arrested for contravening the provisions on export of powdered formula under the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013	4 572	1 633	2 920	3	16
Persons convicted of contravening the provisions on export of powdered formula under the Import and Export (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2013	4 923*	1 487	3 416	3	17

* Including cases detected on or before 31 March 2014 with their prosecution processes completed between 1 April 2014 and 28 February 2015.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3316)

Head: (703) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): (3182GK) Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services (K K LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

For the project 3182GK "Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area" under the Subhead, the Government's cost estimate was \$1.5 billion. The project is planned to start in the second quarter of 2015-16 with an estimated expenditure of some \$47 million in 2015-16. In what cost items will the expenditure be used? For the 12 other selected sites the Government explored in Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po for reprovisioning, please list in detail their location and area, as well as the purposes they have been reserved for. What is the expected time to seek approval for the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James (Member Question No. 78)

Reply:

The expenditure for this project under subhead 3182GK, "Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area" in financial year 2015-16 is mainly for site preparation, piling works and fees for consultants/resident site staff. The project is scheduled for submission to Public Works Sub-committee (PWSC) and Finance Committee (FC) within the 2014-15 legislative session. The updated project estimate, cash flow and construction programme will be provided in the PWSC paper.

The Government has reviewed 12 vacant “Government, Institution or Community” sites (listed below) in West Kowloon (including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po Districts) that are of the suitable size (i.e. larger than 6 000 m²) for re-provisioning the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot. Nearly all these sites are physically closer to residential developments than the Yen Ming Road site. All these sites have been reserved for other uses. They are considered not suitable for the re-provisioning purpose.

Site	Location	Approximate Area (m²)
1.	Hoi Fan Road	8 100
2.	Sham Mong Road near Nam Cheong Park	11 600
3.	Hoi Ting Road near HKMA David Li Kwok Po College	6 000
4.	Hoi Ting Road near Yau Ma Tei Catholic Primary School (Hoi Wang Road)	9 500
5.	Lai Cheung Road near Ferry Street	11 900
6.	Lai Cheung Road near Hoi Wang Road	10 300
7.	To Wah Road	7 300
8.	East of Tat Yeung Road	15 600
9.	Ching Cheung Road near Lai Chi Kok Park	9 300
10.	South of Tat Yeung Road	7 000
11.	North of Tat Yeung Road	9 800
12.	Tat Mei Road	6 400

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FHB(FE)293

(Question Serial No. 4445)

Head: (703) Capital Works Reserve Fund : Buildings

Subhead (No. & title): (3182GK) Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Architectural Services (K K LEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Does the authority concerned have a timetable for relocating the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street office to Yen Ming Road? Is there a layout plan for the new office at Yen Ming Road? If yes, what are the details? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

The project under subhead 3182GK, "Reprovisioning of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Sai Yee Street Environmental Hygiene Offices-cum-vehicle depot at Yen Ming Road, West Kowloon Reclamation Area" is scheduled to submit to Public Works Sub-committee (PWSC) and Finance Committee (FC) within 2014-15 legislative session. Subject to funding approval by FC, the commencement of the project will be in end 2015 or early 2016. Completion of the project will be in mid 2020. The layout plans are being finalised. The estimated cost is about \$1,500 million in money-of-the-day prices. The updated project estimate, cash flow and construction programme will be provided in the PWSC paper.

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